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Elissa Cullman, Tracey Pruzan : The Detailed Interior: Decorating Up Close with Cullman Kravis before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Detailed Interior: Decorating Up Close with Cullman Kravis:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Needs more details By EllenBI've always admired the work of Cullman Kravis and to some degree hold their work as the gold standard for interior decoration, and I was looking forward to a volume that delved into the thought processes behind the selection of details in their designs. For that reason, this book is a big disappointment. There is a short description of each project, and the captions for each photograph read like magazine captions, complete with the names of brands and sources. Beyond that, it's a picture book in which the projects (with one pink and purple exception) are beautifully executed and the photos are excellent. Alexa Hampton's book about decorating details ("Decorating in Detail"), which was published around the

same time, is far more informative and delivers on its promise. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A favorite
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I have enjoyed this book very much. It is nicely written and the photographs are beautiful, hi quality and show a lot of detail. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it as a coffee table book but it is not for someone wanted a "how to" or "do it yourself" this book is about highlighting the work done by the author who clearly has impeccable taste when it comes to interiors.

From classic New York City pied--terres and townhouses to vast Connecticut estates, airy Floridian mansions to luxurious ski retreats, every room created by interior design firm Cullman Kravis is effortlessly graceful and balanced, masquing the meticulous research and extraordinary passion that goes into creating such perfectly harmonious spaces. Cullman Kravis has a remarkable ability to see whole picture and, at the same time, appreciate the smallest of its pieces and intricacies. Each of their rooms is a magnificent and elaborate tapestry
step back, and a stunning image emerges; look up close, and every stitch is perfectly aligned with its neighbor, every thread a mirror of a larger pattern. This focus on detail subtly influences every component of the residences they design, so that every room harmonizes with the architecture, the setting, the furniture, and the artwork. Hand-carved moldings subtly reflect the embroidery of a throw pillow. The form of an antique chandelier echoes the drape of the silk curtains. Complementary colors emerge in the needlework of a rug, the brushstroke of an abstract painting, the fresh flowers on a table. *The Detailed Interior: Decoration Up Close* with Cullman Kravis reveals how the firm achieves this effect, and how readers can employ these details to endow their rooms with the same sense of elegance and poise. Each project is illustrated with lavish full-color images, illuminating the effect of the room as a whole as well as providing close-up shots of precisely detailed spaces. The photography is coupled with informative text explaining how each of the rooms elements complement each other, breaking down how Cullman Kravis achieves these flawless interiors step by step.

"Designer
Elissa Cullman believes that focusing on the particulars of an interior is essential to devising a cohesive design scheme. Vignette and detail photos alongside room shots help to explain her step-by-step process of creating a livable space." *Architectural Digest*
"From a Colorado mountain retreat to a Fifth Avenue pied-a-terre, Cullman and Pruzan break down the nuts and bolts of their favorite projects (including some never before published) to show that successful design is all about the details." *Traditional Home*
"Elissa Cullman's second book, *The Detailed Interior*, reveals the secrets behind utterly sophisticated spaces." *New York Cottages Gardens*
"Reveals through lavish full-color images how Cullman Kravis achieve their interiors from classic New York City pied--terres and townhouses to vast Connecticut estates, airy Floridian mansions to luxurious ski retreats." *The Editor at Large.com*
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Elissa Cullman is a designer and founding partner at Cullman Kravis, Inc. She has been included on the *Architectural Digest* AD100 list since 2000, as well as their 2005 list of Deans of American Design. Acknowledged for her expertise researching, authenticating, and documenting art and antiques collections, she has been a guest curator at the American Folk Art Museum, a member of the board of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, and is a founding board member of Friends of Florence. Tracey Pruzan has been a senior designer at Cullman Kravis for nearly twenty years. A collector of contemporary art, she writes and lectures extensively on antiques and interior design.