ITALY OF MY DREAMS: The Story of an American Designer's Real Life Passion for Italian Style
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Of course, as a classicist, I pine for the days when everything was made entirely by hand, and so I look longingly back to the days before the Industrial Revolution. I'm under no illusions as to what our life would be like without technology, but I can dream, can't I?
—Matthew White, in his introduction to Italy of My Dreams

ITALY OF MY DREAMS: The Story of an American Designer's Real Life Passion for Italian Style is the expansive culmination of what began as the childhood pursuit of "tiny bits of Eden" in Amarillo, Texas and developed into a deep personal connection with the art and architecture of Italy. Full of theatrical, bold exteriors, and interiors adorned with classical flourishes, each featured project is a unique testament to the designer's appreciation of Italian design. Worn reclaimed beams complement sweeping Venetian doors, lush rooftop gardens recall the Southern Italian countryside - these are modern spaces steeped in an historic sensibility, yet free of replication or pastiche. While the locations change - from California Villas to a Palazzo in New York City – the designer's passion remains true, making Italy of My Dreams an intimate inspirational celebration of Italian style.
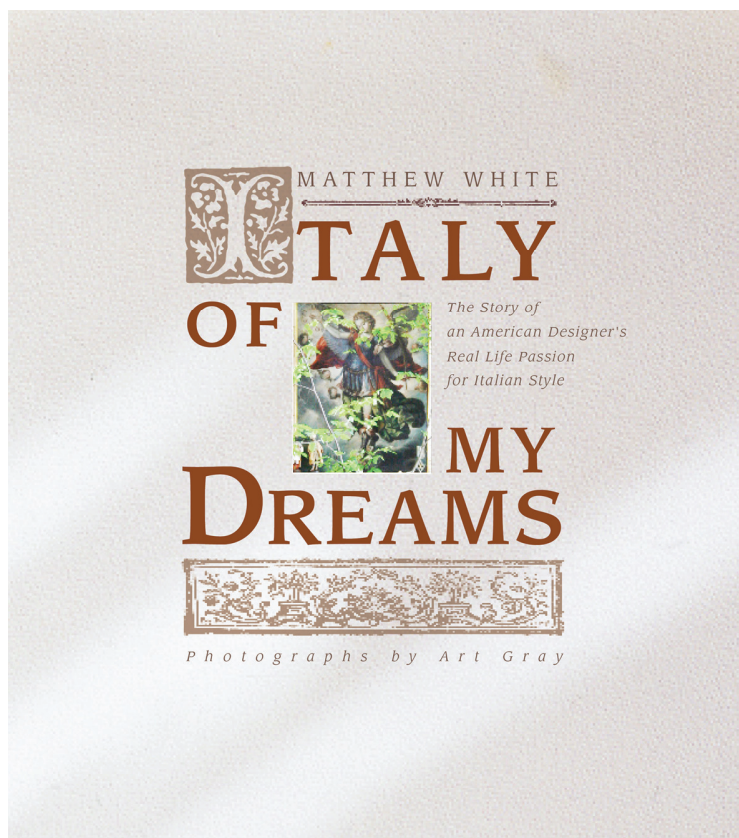
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