

# Foreword

Reading this book has reminded me of a philosophy upon which I have built a business: a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Holly Holden undoubtedly shares my appreciation for the timeless quality of beautifully designed unique items. With passion and exuberance she shows you how to introduce these items into your house naturally, to make it feel as if they have always been there. The interiors shown in this book are gracious, inviting and comfortable.



Holly demonstrates how to integrate family heirlooms with newly purchased items of distinction. I particularly enjoyed her treatment of collections in which she shares the do's and don'ts of presenting groups of small objects. Her goal is similar to that of my business, to assist in creating a classic and never trendy home. With her straight-forward advice, the book reads more like a set of time tested rules than a decorating guide. They are truly valuable rules that anyone would be wise to follow.

With her book, Holly Holden has presented an invaluable reference to creating a classic living room for elegant living and entertaining. The knowledge in this volume will empower her readers to create a sumptuous space, brimming with charm. Holly has a deep and genuine understanding of how and what contributes to creating an interior that is refined yet inviting – full of beauty and joy... a place you won't want to leave!

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*Opposite Page: This attractive vignette is from the Scully and Scully store in New York City. The store opened in 1934 and has been providing handsome furniture and exquisite accessories ever since.*