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Review

"This guide surveys careers in the interior design field, from residential to commercial, including corporate, hospitality, and entertainment specialties. This edition has been revised and updated to incorporate information on sustainable and global design, and design for seniors, with added profiles and examples of projects." (*Book News*, May 2009)

From the Inside Flap

The profession of interior design has received a lot of media attention in recent years, whether it's on the many "home makeover" shows or in the movies. The reality is, interior design in the twenty-first century is much more than selecting colors and arranging furniture. Today's interior designer is a multifaceted professional, with expertise in building and safety codes, project management, designing for seniors, sustainable design, and other important areas that require increased skill and training.

If you have a vision for creating the interior spaces of residential or commercial buildings, *Becoming an Interior Designer* is the first step to a successful career. More than a how-to book for finding a job, this helpful guide is a road map to the early stages of forming a lifelong career and finding your special niche in this burgeoning field.

This *Second Edition* of *Becoming an Interior Designer* will prepare you for entering and succeeding in the interior design field. It covers all aspects of getting into the industry, including updated information on the following:

- Licensing and certification
- The newest educational requirements, with a helpful list of accredited interior design programs in the United States and Canada
- Professional tips on portfolio preparation
- Discussion of work environments— from home office to large firms
- Advice for finding clients and boosting revenue
- Helpful guidance on managing a successful career
- Photos of projects by professional interior designers from all major design specialties

The author interviewed nearly 100 professionals in the field who share their personal insights to help you discover what the interior design profession is really like.

With everything you need to start your journey, *Becoming an Interior Designer, Second Edition* will be your launch pad for a long and successful career in interior design.

From the Back Cover

Here is the completely updated guide to today's interior design careers—a clear and concise survey of the interior design field covering:

History of the profession

Educational preparation

Interviews with designers

Certification and licensing

The design process

Where the jobs are

Owning your own firm

Design specialties

- Residential
- Commercial
- Sustainable design
- Corporate
- Hospitality
- Retail
- Healthcare
- Institutional
- Entertainment
- Restoration and adaptive use

"Becoming an Interior Designer is the go-to book for an inside look at the profession of interior design today. The advice from a broad range of practitioners and educators about the professional requirements and business of interior design make it an invaluable tool for those contemplating an interior design career. The added bonus is Christine's ability to draw out from her interviewees the common passion for improving quality of life, which is a rarely referenced quality of a successful interior designer."

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