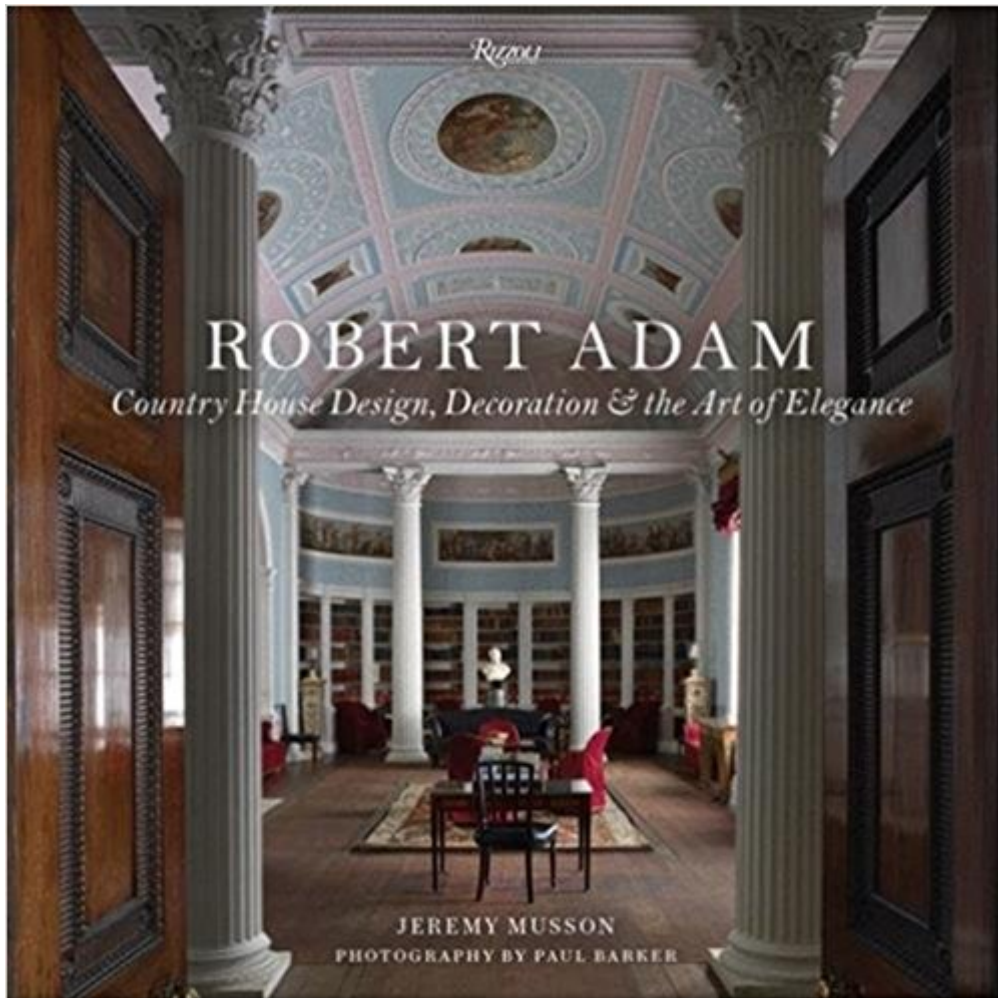




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# Robert Adam: Country House Design, Decoration & The Art Of Elegance



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The definitive book on the most influential English country house architect and designer. This beautifully produced book celebrates the work of Robert Adam, the great eighteenth-century architect who influenced generations by stamping his distinctive neoclassical aesthetic vision on the English country house interior. Lavish new photography provides a deeply visual exploration of Adam's most important surviving country houses, to which the author and photographer gained unparalleled access. Included are magnificent country houses such as Syon House and Harewood House, styled and inspired by the ideal of the neoclassical, as well as Adam's castle-style Mellerstain and town houses such as Home House, all captured in splendid detail. Original Adam design drawings, from Sir John Soane's Museum, illustrate the boldness of planning, color, and creative interpretation of Adam's domestic interiors. A biographical and contextual account of Adam's life and work describes his unique design process, his patrons, and the legacy of his design achievement. This richly illustrated volume will appeal to designers and homeowners as well as traditional architecture enthusiasts, promising to become an important addition to any architecture and interior design library.

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"In remarkable detail, the book examines a magnificent country houses, including Syon House and Harewood House, that were styled and inspired by the ideal of the Neoclassical; as well as Adam's castle-style Mellerstain, and town houses such as Home House. In addition, Musson provides a rich account of Adam's life and work, describing his unique design process, his patrons, and the legacy of his design achievement." – CJDellatore.com

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Writer and broadcaster Jeremy Musson was architectural editor at *Country Life* from 1998 to 2007. The cowriter and presenter of the BBC television series *The Curious House Guest*, he is the author of many books, including *The Drawing Room* and *English Country House Interiors*. Sir Simon Jenkins, a leading journalist and author, was chairman of the National Trust from 2008 to 2014. The late Paul Barker was one of England's premier interior and architectural photographers.

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