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A Privileged Life: Celebrating Wasp Style (Icons)





Synopsis

At once glamorous and mysterious, the WASP lifestyle has influenced countless trends in the worlds of fashion, home design, and pop culture. Today, one no longer has to be a WASP to embrace its casual-yet-elegant attitude and sense of style. With lively text and over one hundred images from world-renowned photographers, A Privileged Life: Celebrating WASP Style is the first book of its kind to unveil this rarefied way of life, one that many emulate though few truly understand. From the eclectic and well-decorated home of Sister Parish to the popular pink-and-green color combination of preppy chic to iconic photographs of the style makers who embody the WASP spirit like Grace Kelly, Truman Capote, or Jacqueline Kennedy, this book celebrates our timeless fascination with America's leisure class.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Susanna Salk grew up in Essex, Massachusetts and went to boarding school at Milton Academy. She got her B.A. in English at Vassar College and then moved to Manhattan where she helped launch Elle Decor as Interior Design manager and initiated much of the home furnishing business into the magazine via sales and marketing programs. She later became a Contributing Editor. In 2003, she joined House & Garden Magazine, where she was, until its closing, Special Projects Editor. In addition to giving design talks around the country, managing its annual showhouse and spearheading many other design-related events for both editorial and advertisers, Salk produced and hosted regular segments for both the CBS "Early Show" and NBC's "Today Show."

Gorgeous images as well as a glimpse into a life that many do not ever get to experience. The author shares family stories and anecdotes about her friends, but we are forgiving because we want to know. Nicely done.

Reconstituted content from much better books on the subject. Waste of money like the other books I've read by this author. All lack charm and wit.

TOO PERSONAL TO THE AUTHOR TO BE INTERESTING, AND LITTLE TO TAKE AWAY AS EXAMPLES OF WASP STYLE

It was the perfect Birthday gift for the Girl who has everything!

Amusing.

Great captions and a fun pictorial. My cousin loved this book and it's a fun and fascinating look into WASP culture

What a luxury to be able to read a book about the lives of luxury some people lead~ I had no idea of the life some rich some people live~ A real eye opener for me!

I was excited to read this book just from a review in a magazine, but I was a little disappointed. It's more of a "fun" read when you want to breeze through something and not think too much. It's quite predictable; not too many surprises. But my husband read it also and he thought it was good.

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