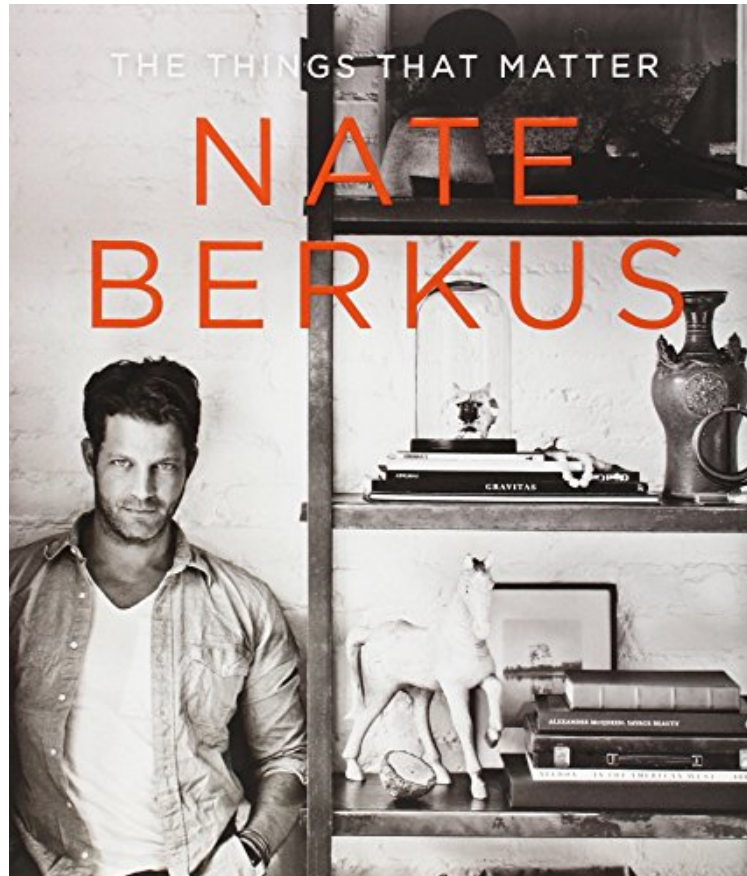


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Anyway I have never read such a great preface in any design book or any other book ...By Tony David I have never actually READ a design book, because you view a design not read about one. Anyway I have never read such a great preface in any design book or any other book for that matter. It was completely thoughtful and personal, yet uplifting and conscious of a portrayal that didn't come off as pretentious. Lets face it, he plugged in enough Oprah and words like 'upper-middle-class,' and 'east-coast,' to make anyone think he raised his brow, but he didn't really. While I'd have to say in terms of his aesthetic while I am predisposed to an industrial style totally appreciate the many layers and even history or stories he associates with his designs and objects. It becomes a great cohesion of personal and decorative, story-telling and story-making. It has more appeal for those who are contemporary inclined and want the look of a stylish house, but also for those looking to present their cherished objects in a more contemporary style. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Personal and Touching By Maureen T. Hannley I love Nate Berkus and I love his work. This book is unlike any other I have read, in that it gives very personal narratives about the rooms that are featured -- some are those of celebrities, others those of

persons I would never have known of. I spent hours poring over the pictures and reading the narratives. I spent the most time reading Nate's account of his experience in the tsunami and the tragic loss of his partner several years ago, his road to recovery, and the discovery of his new love. Also, the description of how their new apartment reconciled their 2 very different styles was very instructive. All the photos are wonderful. I've already given this book to several friends who are at changing places in their lives and want their homes to reflect it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful design by an inspired natural designer By fan This book is lovely. Rather than being strictly about decor, Nate has injected personal stories. I think of this as an autobiographical decorating book. Nate's warmth and sincerity come through loud and clear. And his design style is clear, balanced and heartfelt. He understands the beauty of asymmetry in design and has an innate sense of how to use it. I enjoy this book so much that I sent one as a house warming gift to my son and his wife and they are in love with Nate and his book as well.

Does your home tell the story of who you are? In *The Things That Matter*, Nate Berkus shares intimate stories from his life, introduces us to people who influenced him and helped him forge his sense of style, and opens up about the remarkable experiences that have left him forever changed, all of which find expression in how he lives today. From his most cherished flea market finds, to his beloved books and photos, to the many extraordinary mementos he's collected in his travels, every piece defines who he's become and what endures in his world. Berkus invites readers into his own home as well as into twelve others, including a sleek steel-and-glass high-rise that soars above Chicago, a rustic cottage in the Hudson Valley, an ultra-chic atelier that maximizes every inch of space, a Greenwich Village townhouse that holds multiple art collections, and a study in meaningful minimalism in Marfa, Texas. The distinctive interiors beautifully displayed in this book offer revealing portraits of their owners' lives and the inspiring choices that have made them who they are today. *The Things That Matter* convincingly lays out Nate Berkus's philosophy that things do matter. Our homes tell our stories, they reflect the places we've been and the people we've loved along the way and there can be no more beautiful design for living than that. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE SEATTLE TIMES

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