







City Parks

by Christopher Beanland (Batsford, May 2023), \$35 Public parks in cities around the world have long been favorite gathering places for those seeking a bit of nature within the confines of concrete jungles. And the pandemic only emphasized the fact that these parks are an essential part of modern life. Journalist and author Christopher Beanland explores famous spots such as London's Hyde Park and New

York's Central Park while also treating readers to the beauty of lesser-known nature escapes like Tempelhof in Berlin (formerly an airport) and Freeway Park in Seattle, situated over a motorway. With 50 featured parks, this book showcases every genre from the iconic and historic to the newest and most cutting-edge—each one with its own unique take on combining nature and architecture.



The New Classic Home by Paloma Contreras (Abrams, October 2023), \$45 **Successfully combining traditional**

and modern elements in a space is a design task that many people—both amateurs and professionals—find challenging. In her newest book, award-winning designer Paloma Contreras offers tips for creating classic yet fresh interiors using her four main techniques—color, scale and proportion, texture and pattern, and tension. She demonstrates how to incorporate timeless pieces while also mixing in a bit of glamour. According to Contreras, this book is "a tangible representation of my evolution as a designer and features some of my best and favorite work to date." Her text is accompanied by stunning images of her projects in locations ranging from Houston to Palm Beach and New York to Cashiers, North Carolina.

