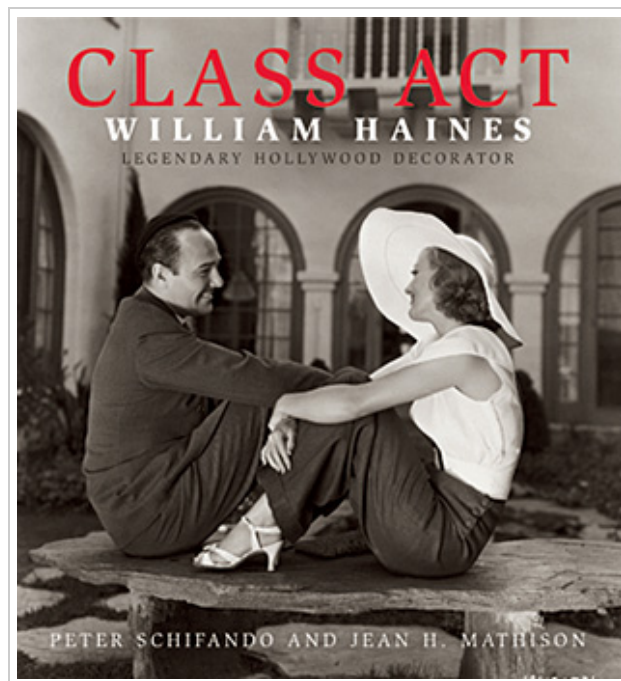


A Gorgeous Oscar-Worthy Book on Hollywood Decorator William Haines

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I draw continuous inspiration from *Class Act: William Haines, Legendary Hollywood Decorator*, by Peter Schifando and Jean H. Mathison, a gorgeously produced monograph from the indispensable [Pointed Leaf Press](#). Billy Haines (1900-1973), a rising movie star fired by MGM because he was gay, became a leading decorator to the most glamorous stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, establishing an unmistakably luxurious, modern style that's simply peerless.



Haines's red-leather Conference Chair; his conference room in 1949 and 1954.



Haines's breathtaking Garden Room for the Winfield House in London features an 18th-century hand-painted wallpaper that came from an Irish castle.



The 1955 Seniah Chair made for Mervyn and Kitty LeRoy; a partners desk with bamboo-like detailing designed for Betsy Bloomingdale's bedroom.

[William Haines Designs](#) in Los Angeles continues to reproduce original Haines furniture designs, catering to the ongoing revival of interest in the decorator and the Hollywood Regency style he helped establish.

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