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**50s:60s DÉCOR**

Furniture and Furnishings of the Mid 20thC

By William and Dorothy Hall

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The 1950s and '60s are considered by many to be the most exciting and influential design and décor decades ever. In *Australian 50s:60s Décor*, William and Dorothy Hall [well known writers for the antiques, 'modern' and collectables trade] explain the reasons for that belief, while providing numerous examples of 50s/60s style together with décor tips and other information.

*50s:60s Décor* links themes such as colour, texture, pattern and shape across a range of subjects and, while international in scope, it is written from a uniquely Australian perspective. The interviews, including several with leading designers such as Mary Featherston, Babette Hayes, Pamela Walker and Penelope Seidler, are carefully researched and provide their own informative insights. The text combines with close to 500 colour photographs to create a highly readable book that presents a multi-layered picture of the era, while tying it neatly to the present and the resurgence of 50s/60s influences in contemporary style.

Important features include:

- Informative background on the various influences upon design in this period
- Explanation of the various manufacturing innovations that enabled certain previously unattainable goals to be achieved
- Photographs of 'real' homes, rather than 'set piece' living spaces — including photographs of several historically significant homes of the era.

- Photographs of dealers' premises shown as they are found, and not re-arranged.
- Interviews with key Australian-based designers of the era
- Numerous décor tips
- An underlying attitude that embraces different styles and demonstrates how they may sit well together in contemporary homes — while avoiding often-impractical design purism

Ultimately, the book is well-researched and highly informative celebration of 50s/60s style in Australia, and shows how it can be enjoyed by all and incorporated into contemporary design — regardless of whether or not you live in a 50s/60s home.

#### **WILLIAM AND DOROTHY HALL**

William and Dorothy Hall have written numerous books and articles, including many for the antiques/collectables trade. Together with Dorinda Hafner, they co-authored the international prize-winning book, *Ethnodelicious*.

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#### **SHORT ARTICLES**

William and Dorothy Hall are also willing to write short magazine or newspaper articles on the subject of 50s/60s Décor in Australia. Should this be of interest, please contact the authors direct on: [mail@collectophile.biz](mailto:mail@collectophile.biz)



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