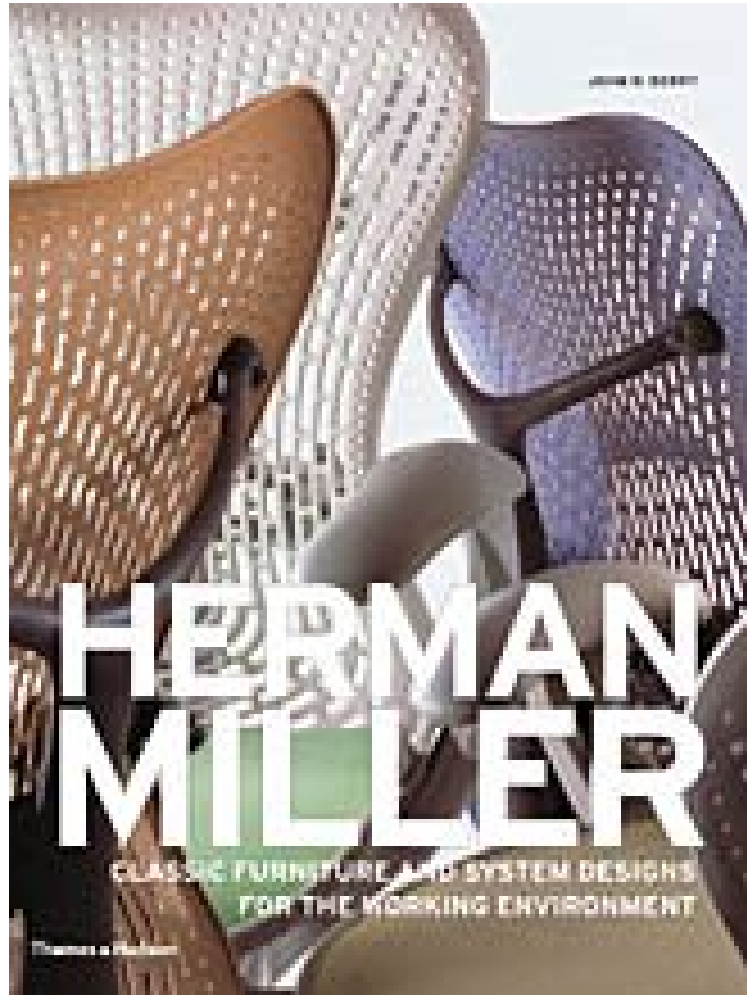


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A blend of company history and designBy Craig BauteHerman Miller is a fascinating company with a fluid design philosophy. This book incorporates the history of Herman Miller and their change in the approach to design that created a powerful furniture company in the last half century. Herman Miller does not just make beautiful furniture but also uses their design approach to solve management issues, as described in the latter half of the book. By reading this book I learned the purpose of design and how it is applied to everyday objects that most take for granted. The author does not overuse design terms, something much appreciated

since I am not an artist or designer. The pictures are beautiful and displayed in a recognizable Herman Miller fashion. Herman Miller the book is an essential read for people are interested in furniture or beginning to learn the art of design.

In 1936, the founder of Herman Miller Inc, D. J. De Pree, committed Herman Miller to 'modern' furniture, partly because he saw a moral dimension to Gilbert Rohde's clean designs, honest materials and lack of ornamentation. In 1984, a major impetus behind Bill Stumpf and Don Chadwick's Equa chair was a desire to give a reasonably priced, comfortable, good-looking chair to everybody in offices - not just the top bosses. These are just two examples of the best work done at Herman Miller. The company is concerned with larger issues of humanity, equality and bettering the world by creating great places to work through design, and has, perhaps more than any other company, revolutionized office systems and furniture in the workplace. This book is the most up-to-date compilation available of the design efforts and results from Herman Miller since its foundation, reflecting its most recent work, activities and products. But it goes beyond simply cataloguing the work of the famous design team; it shows design-related attitudes of HMI and provides examples of the benefits of creative thinking and problem-solving. Written in clear, engaging prose, Herman Miller is a must-read for anyone interested in design.

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