## DESIGN .& DETAILS

Encyclopedia
of the Exquisite:
An Anecdotal
History of
Elegant Delights
Jessica Kerwin
Jenkins
Doubleday, \$15.37
This glided, graceful book
is nothing less than a
ministre encyclopedia of
style, exploring everything
from the origins of badminton to the art of
origami to Louis XIV's love
of the Bartleti pear.

I Wonder
Marian Bantjes
The Monacelli Press,
\$26.40 Inthis sumptuous
little book-its covers
encrusted with gold and
silver embossing-Bantjes,
a visual artist, riffs on
the things that inspire
us, managing to be



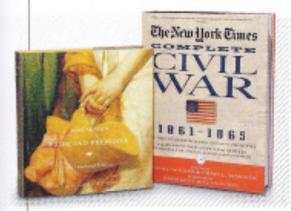
simultaneously playful, provocative, and furny.

Paper Blossoms:
A Book of
Beautiful Bouquets
for the Table
Ray Marshall
Chronicle Books, \$23.10
Real flowers witt, so this
eye-catching display of
pop-up floral extravagance

comes with a built-m advantage. Five boup2ts, teaturing roses. Iiies. 2m even a lotus water goejen\* are ready to be amanged as a centerpiece (aroma not included).

Pattern OrlaKiely Corea, \$23.09 Farsof the European designer will che® for this handsome tome, flaunting. Kiely's signature prints-surrry, blody and bright-alongside explanations of her methods and inspirations.

A Perfectly Kept House Is the Sign of a Misspent Life MartyRandolph-Cartier Rizzili, \$34.65 Messy people, rejoicel Finally, here's a book made expressly for you-a lavishly photographed design bible that celebrates living stylishly, creatively, and, above all else, happily without tretting about whether everything is in its proper place.



## HISTORY REVISITED

Pride and
Prejudice: An
Annotated Edition
janeAusten
Belknap Press, \$23.10
Austen's most famous
nowl needs no introduction,
but it does benefit from
the hundreds of loving
notes-historical references,
vocab tips, and moreprovided by Austen scholar
Patricia Meyer Spacks.

The New York Times Complete Civil War 1861-1865 Edited by Harold Holzer & CraigL. Symonds Black Dog & Leventhal. \$24 The book and accompanying DVD-ROM overflow with 100,000 documents from the Times archive chronicling the war that Bill Clinton, in the foreword, calls the 'most transformative conflict in our history."

## ART & FILM

Frida Kahlo:
Face to Face
Judy Chicago &
Frances Borzello
Prestel, \$40.95 Fitingly,
the cover of this retrospective, which examines
Kahlo's work from a
feminist perspective,
evokes a Silver-tooled
Mexican retablo.

Designs on Film: A Century of Hollywood Art Direction Cathy Whitlock It Books, \$4725



This lush book of pictures and drawings showcases big-screen glamour over the decades, from the opulence of Ciscouts to the more modern majesty of Betner Begins.

The Sounds of Star Wars IW.Rinzler Chronide Books, \$37.80 What would Star Wal5 be without the whoosh of a lightsaber or the howl of Chewbacca? This interactive book not only categorizes the familiar sounds from the beloved universe but can actually play more than 250 of them thanks to an attached exterior speaker.

Islamic Art
Luca Mozzati
Prestel, \$61.67
Fourteen centuries'
worth of glorious
mosalcs, carpets, paintings, and more-many
off-limits in places like
iran and iraq-adorn
these pages.

