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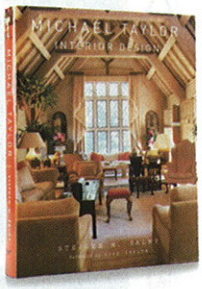

132 Rooms with Timeless Appeal

It may seem a stretch to call an all-white fantasy of a bedroom fearless. But 30 years after the late Michael Taylor invented his tone-on-tone "California style," the work in *Michael Taylor: Interior Design* by Stephen M. Salny (W.W. Norton, $75) still looks breathtakingly original.

1,262 Distinctive Ways to Name a Rose

Would the 'Dolly Parton' rose really smell as sweet if it were called 'Earl Scruggs'? In *A Rose by Any Name* (Algonquin, $20), Douglas Brenner and Stephen Scanniello tell the stories behind the monikers of more than 1,200 varieties. After learning about (from near right) Scotland's 'Ayrshire Rose' (brought by a redcoat from America), 'Mademoiselle de Sombreuil' (a French anti-royalist who drank the blood of aristocrats), and 'Mademoiselle Cécile Brunner' (a Swiss rose farmer's daughter), you wonder if Shakespeare got it wrong.

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