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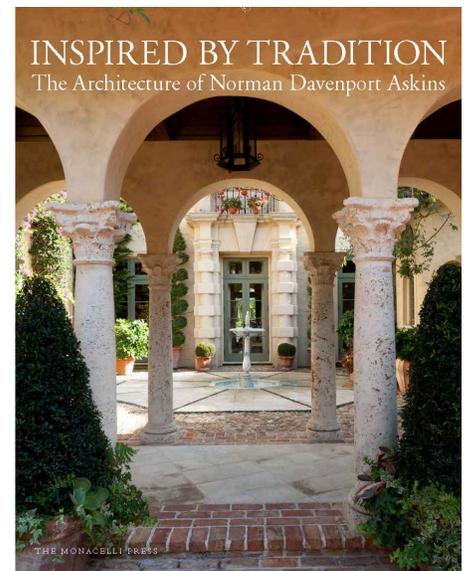
The Architecture of Norman Davenport Askins

Esteemed Atlanta architect Norman Davenport Askins made his name with the clear mastery of historical precedent in his gracious and livable designs. Trained directly by primary sources—English country manors, eighteenth-century pattern books, and early Colonial and antebellum Southern houses—he has learned not just to imitate historical precedents, but also to think like the craftsmen who created them.

Fifteen lavishly detailed and tastefully appointed residences recall such diverse sources as Italian Renaissance country villas, hillside castles in the Dordogne, Blue Ridge Mountain vernacular houses, and the very strong presence of Colonial Revival and Federal houses in Atlanta and the greater South. They are located in the prestigious Buckhead enclave of Atlanta, along the coasts of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, in the Virginia Piedmont, and the mountains of North Carolina. New color photographs of interiors and landscapes, commissioned specially for the book, complement traditional hand-drawn plans and elevations.

In a special section dedicated to “Elements of Tradition,” Askins identifies the key components of traditional design and the parameters for using them successfully. Ultimately he believes in approaching tradition with innovation and individuality—adding touches of glamour, humor, and romance that bring his houses to life.

About the Author: Norman Davenport Askins established his architectural practice in Atlanta in 1977 and is now renowned as the designer of elegant and comfortable houses in traditional vocabularies. An architectural historian and an architect, Askins researched the restoration of the Executive Wing of the White House as a special project for Colonial Williamsburg and served as director of restoration for John Milner Associates, a leading preservation firm. In July 2013, he received the inaugural A. Hays Town award from *Southern Living* magazine.



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