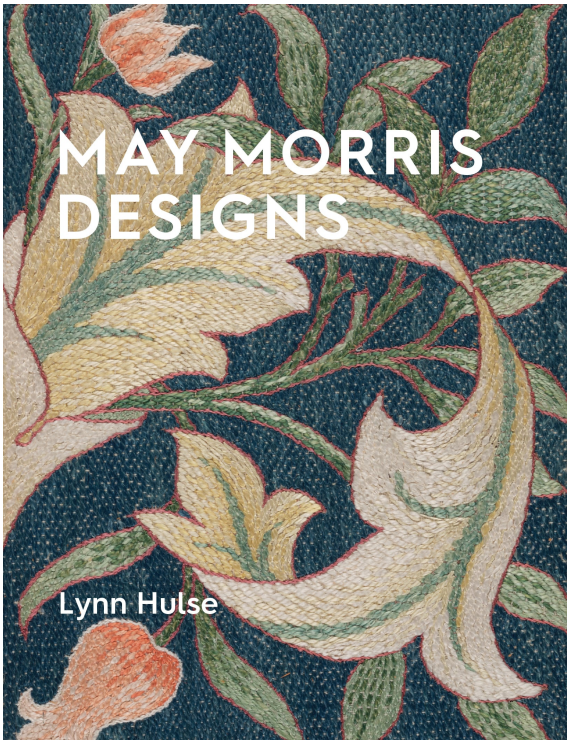
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The Essence and Soul of Beautiful Embroidery

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- A practical guide for readers keen to learn more about May Morris's approach to creating decorative needlework
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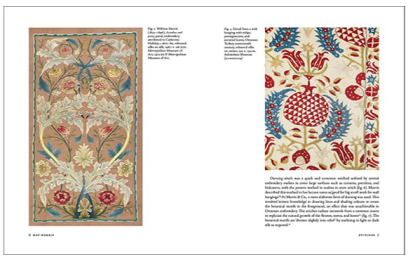
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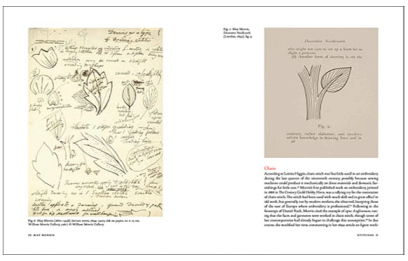
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May Morris (1862–1938) is recognised today as a pioneer of the Arts and Crafts movement, a leading exponent of decorative needlework and a campaigner for women artists. Despite being one of the foremost practitioners of her generation, it was design that May described as 'the very soul and essence of beautiful embroidery'. One of the largest collections of May's designs, from roughly sketched ideas to finished patterns, is held by the Ashmolean Museum. This book showcases a selection of 25 of these designs, which are published here for the first time, positioning May's output within the artistic developments of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as equipping embroiderers with the tools to create their own projects based on the work of this remarkable needlewoman.

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