



A Man and his Home

Ralph Dutton of Hinton Ampner, 8th Baron Sherborne

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- First biography of a man who created one of the National Trust's favorite houses and gardens, and who left a deep imprint on English taste and understanding of history

Ralph Dutton, 8th Baron Sherborne, was one of the leading taste-makers of his generation. Together with figures such as Christopher Hussey and James Lees-Milne, he helped create the perception that the apogee of English architecture and design was the 18th century; and in his own house and garden at Hinton Ampner, beloved of hundreds of thousands of National Trust visitors a year, he showed how to make that taste supremely effective in our own time. This biography, the first, explores how his achievements took shape, and how they were rooted in his circle of friends and fellow enthusiasts and scholars, all of whom played a part in creating heritage as we understand it today. John Holden, a leading cultural historian, charts Dutton's life with warmth and critical acumen.

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