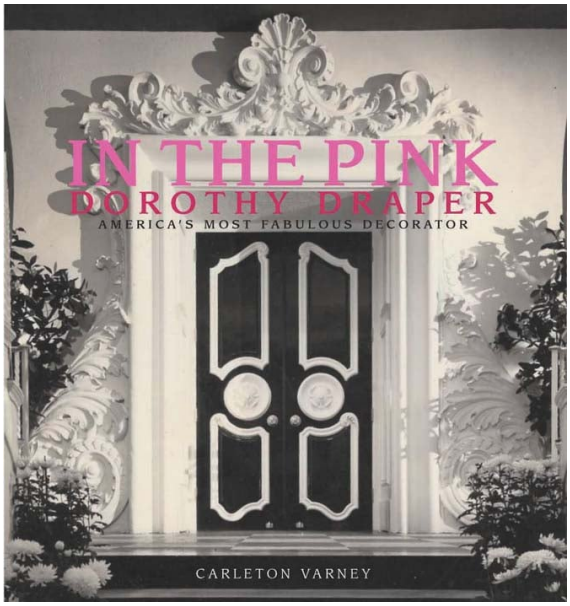
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- From the 1930s to the 1960s, Dorothy Draper was the most famous decorator in America. *In the Pink* documents Draper's most significant projects
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Has there ever been an American decorator as famous as Dorothy Draper? Like Martha Stewart, Draper was a preacher and teacher whose how-to books and *Good Housekeeping* columns provided middle-class housewives with affordable ideas for making their homes more functional and comfortable. Thanks to her originality as a stylist and her daring as a businesswoman, she became one of the most respected career women in the United States. She shocked the design world in 1937 when she decorated the thirty-seven-story Hampshire House apartment hotel on Central Park South in New York City, delivering a project that became indicative of her signature touch – 'baroque fantasy'. *In the Pink: Dorothy Draper, America's Most Fabulous Decorator*, by Carleton Varney, lavishly illustrates Draper's most important projects.

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