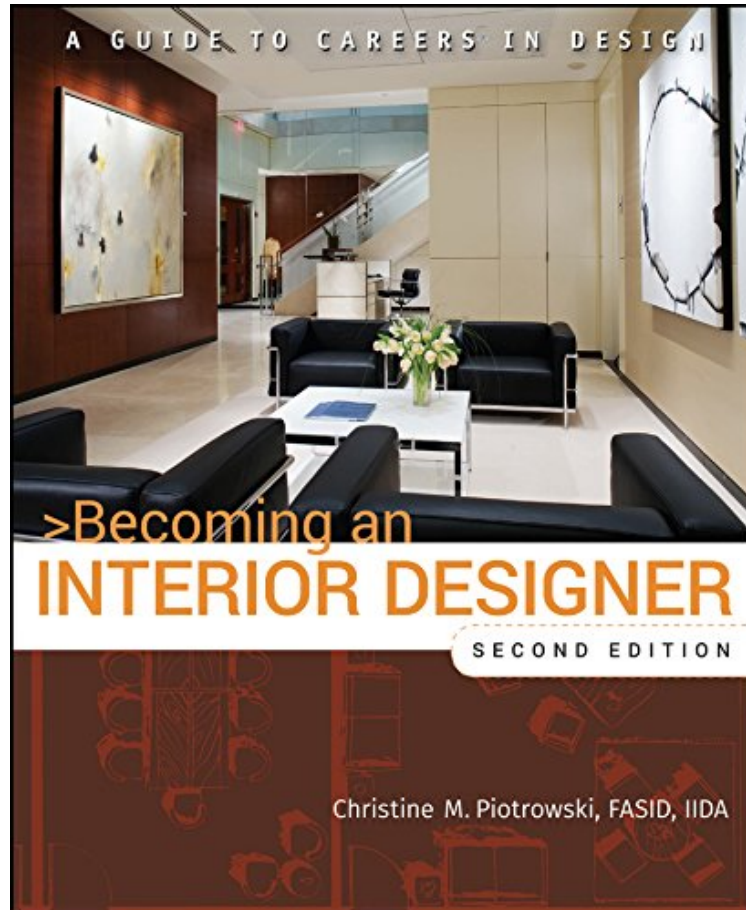


# Becoming an Interior Designer: A Guide to Careers in Design

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**Christine M. Piotrowski : Becoming an Interior Designer: A Guide to Careers in Design** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Becoming an Interior Designer: A Guide to Careers in Design:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. FANTASTIC resource!By M. MichaelsI recommend reading thru this small, but packed, volume if you have any inkling that you want to be an Interior Designer. The best part of this book is that the author interviews a series of prominent and respected Interior Design professionals and they are VERY frank about this career! It did not put me off at all, in fact it was more than I dreamed of, but they don't gloss over the more difficult aspects or challenges that one will face in this occupation. Lots of direct quotes and some of the Designers are downright funny! It spares no detail as to what exactly an Interior Designer does (and does not do) what training to get, whether to set up a sole business or work for a design firm, the differences between commercial and residential design, and future avenues available to us (hint: it involves environmentally conscious architecture and LEED-related things). I am now partway thru a bachelors in ID and decided to take the plunge after reading this. Worth every penny!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Real World View Into the World of Interior DesignBy VeronicaMy professor teaches an intro course to architecture and interior design and this book was

recommended so that we would understand what it takes to become an interior designer. I definitely wanted to get the ins and outs of the profession I chose and this book definitely explains it in the best way. It will either deter you from becoming an interior designer or push you to it. For me, it helped me to stick with my decision to be an interior designer. There is a lot that goes into the profession that people don't realize it takes. This book breaks it down and gives you a real world view. It really helps you understand what all it takes to become a designer. I bought this book right out and plan to refer to it often. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. She loved it! By S.P. Bought for a birthday present for my bestie! She loved it!

If you're embarking upon a career in interior design, here's a highly visual overview of the profession, with in-depth material on educational requirements, design specialties, finding a job, and the many directions a career in interior design can take. Featuring informative interviews with working designers, this Second Edition includes updated educational requirements and a list of accredited interior design programs in the United States and Canada.

"This guide surveys careers in the interior design field, from residential to commercial, including corporate, hospitality, and entertainment specialties. This edition has been revised and updated to incorporate information on sustainable and global design, and design for seniors, with added profiles and examples of projects." (Book News, May 2009) From the Inside Flap Today's interior designer works in a complicated world challenged by a variety of issues ranging from legal responsibilities and building and safety codes to projects that require an ever-increasing amount of skills and training. "Interior designer" is not just a fancy name for "decorator." If you have a vision for creating the interior spaces of residential or commercial buildings, *Becoming an Interior Designer* is the first step to making a successful living in a career you're passionate about. More than a "how-to" book for finding a job, this helpful guide is a road map to the early stages of forming a lifelong career and finding your special niche in this burgeoning field. Packed with useful material for anyone beginning a career in interior design, as well as professional interior designers seeking to practice in a new specialty, *Becoming an Interior Designer* features:

- Information about licensing and certification
- Professional tips on portfolio preparation
- Discussion on work environments— from home office to large firms
- Advice for finding clients and boosting revenue
- Helpful advice for managing a successful career
- Photos of work done by professional interior designers from all major design specialties

*Becoming an Interior Designer* has everything you need to navigate the interior design field, covering all aspects of getting into the industry— from pursuing the right educational training to landing your first job. Successful designers provide real-world advice on creating a portfolio, preparing a resume, and interviewing for your dream job. Interviews with these designers also offer valuable insights into a variety of specialties— such as designing for hotels, corporate offices, retail facilities, residential structures, and many more. Let *Becoming an Interior Designer* be the launch pad for a long and successful career in interior design.

From the Back Cover Here is the completely updated guide to today's interior design careers— a clear and concise survey of the interior design field. Filled with interviews and advice from leading interior designers, it covers all the major design specialties, educational training, portfolio preparation, getting a job, and much more. Includes:

- History of the profession
- Educational preparation
- Interviews with designers
- Certification and licensing
- The design process
- Where the jobs are
- Owning your own firm
- Design specialties

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