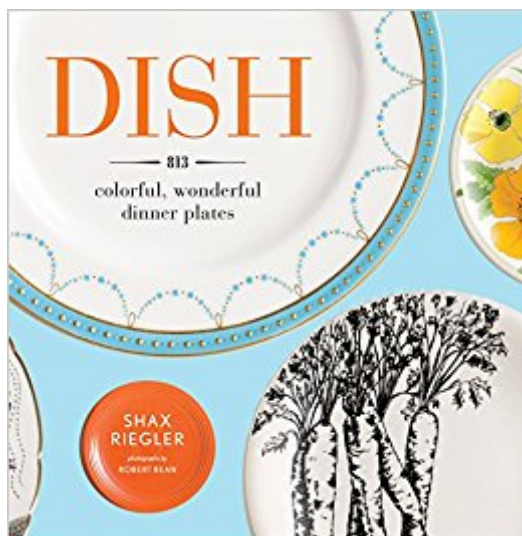


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# Dish: 813 Colorful, Wonderful Dinner Plates



## Synopsis

A globe-trotting, century-hopping celebration of dishesAs every great hostess knows, the right dinner plates bring design, color, and drama to the table and elevate an ordinary meal into something special. Dish is a visual celebration of these everyday pieces of art that have been the objects of desire of kings, queens, brides, chefs, and hostesses for centuries.From the first wooden trenchers of the Middle Ages to the seventeenth-century China trade, from twentieth-century designer wares to the colorful melamine plates so widely available today, more than 800 plates are on display here. With insightful descriptions and an expert's knowledge, author Shax Riegler makes the case that the dinner plate is so much more than just a vessel to deliver food; it's a piece of art to be admired.These are plates created by storied masters such as Spode and Wedgwood, modernists like Russel Wright and Homer Laughlin, and even today's contemporary designers like Vera Wang and Diane von Furstenberg. Dish shows them in full color with large photographs, detail shots, and even back-of-the-plate photos, delivering a feast for the eyes for obsessive fans and casual admirers alike.With a timeline of plate highlights in history, sidebars showcasing the most popular designers, and a list of the top 100 patterns of all time, Dish will leave readers looking at the common dinner plate in a whole new way.

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"Required reading." "Gloriously illustrated and insightful [with] numerous charming anecdotes." (House Beautiful)"A fascinating look at dinner plates through the

ages" (Travel + Leisure) "Long after the meal is eaten, the china remains. Dish: 813 Colorful, Wonderful Dinner Plates by Shax Riegler is a revealing portfolio of porcelain spanning centuries and continents. (Time.com) "One of the most stylish books of the year. (RealSimple.com) "A true feast for the eyes. (Remodelista) "Definitive guide to dishware.

Shax Riegler is the executive editor of House Beautiful. He's previously worked at House & Garden, Martha Stewart Living, Travel + Leisure, and Vogue. He is completing a PhD from the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, and Culture.

Though Shax did not include my dinnerware (Metlox Colorstax, from the 1970s/1980s), he identifies so many dishes I'd always wanted to know the names of (Wedgwood Edme, different English transferware patterns, Bauer, Heath), I find it extremely useful. It's a book no dish queen should be without. Oh, and finding out the set of dinnerware that started Shax's collection is another interesting story. You're going to have to read the book to find out, though.

Great book, nice pictures and a fabulous source for stuff you did not know you needed. If you fall in love with a pattern that is discontinued or no longer advertised you can take the information provided in this book to ebay and find your dishes cheap or you can go to Replacements Ltd and buy their shelves empty. The great thing about is that you don't have to pay full price for an "iffy" book. You can get it nearly new for the price of a magazine..

Dish is a beautiful book which surveys dishes across the centuries. He looks around the world for interesting dishes. And it is fun to see what dishes you own that he includes in the book. The feature at the back where he lists the 100 most popular patterns according to Replacements, Ltd. is pure fun. The danger to a collector is seeing and wanting. There are many things which are new and beautiful and the collecting urge springs up as it does so often. So collectors, beware!

I was captured by the beautiful photography in this truly interesting book and immediately realized it would make for the \*perfect\* gift for an array friends and family. I gave DISH to both my mother and my aunt for the holidays; both loved it and have it on display on their coffee tables. In fact, they have each gone on to give the book as gifts themselves! I also found it makes the ideal hostess gift or house-warming gift, particularly for that person who is "hard to shop for" -- DISH a big hit, a home

run!

I purchased the book as a gift for a person who loves pretty dishes and has multiple sets of china, pottery, and casual dinnerware. I think she really liked it, and was anxious to sit down for a good read and see how many of her patterns were featured. A nice coffee table book for anyone who collects dishes and/or enjoys setting a beautiful table. The book arrived ahead of schedule, was packed well, and in perfect condition.

I came across this book while I was searching for dinner plates. A plate picture with a silhouette of 2 diners and other images attracted me to this book. And then one day I was at a garage sale of a plate collector's son. After seeing different kinds of plates like calendar plates, Cherokee alphabet plate, Christmas plates, Norman Mailer plates and Plate collector's magazines, I started dreaming about this book again. Finally I bought the book. The book is heavy on pictures of different kinds of plates. After finding a plate that has a print of cross-stitch, I recalled a friend who would really appreciate that. It also has brief history of the major plate makers. This is my second book on plates, so I don't know much about what's out there.

I love, love, love this book. I feel sort of old saying it, as it's a book of plates, but I love this book. And I think anyone who enjoys beauty would. This is a perfect book for the young fashionista, the creative interior obsessed and the tradition loving grandmother.

I'm a china maven, and this book is a must have for anyone who is. It covers high end china to everyday dishes. The pictures are gorgeous and the information provided very interesting. I will be browsing through this book for years to come.

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