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The story of Italian design, told through works selected from the collection of The Museum of Modern Art, New York

Beyond any romantic declaration of Italians' secret to success is the exceptional effectiveness of Italian modern design. Engaging Italian industry and culture in a single-minded and spontaneous project of national image building, Italy's designers have produced a complete variety of forms—fashion, graphic arts, and product and set design—with a unique international resonance. This book highlights Italian design of the last century. Paola Antonelli's lively introduction provides an overview of Italy's design culture; an essay by Giampiero Bosoni showcases the masterpieces of modern Italian design reproduced in the volume's catalogue section. They are accompanied by an illustrated chronology of important events that have influenced Italian design as well as a comprehensive bibliography.

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