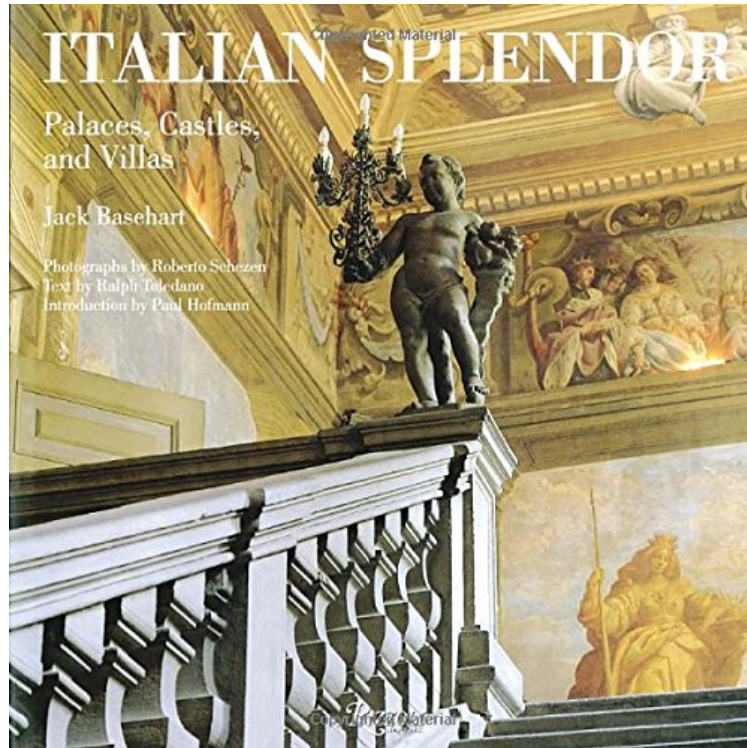


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offers both professional and lay readers a glimpse behind the closed doors of these family homes, which contain some of the world's most impressive and sumptuous designs.

About the Author Jack Basehart lives in Milan and spent a year and a half traveling through Italy compiling information for the book and arranging access to the many properties covered. The late Roberto Schezen was a photographer of worldwide acclaim. His books include *Newport Houses*, *Palaces of Rome*, *Visions of Ancient America*, and the *Splendor* series. Many of his photographs are now included in the permanent collections of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montréal, and the Museum of Modern Art, New York. Ralph Toledano is a Paris-based writer and art authority.