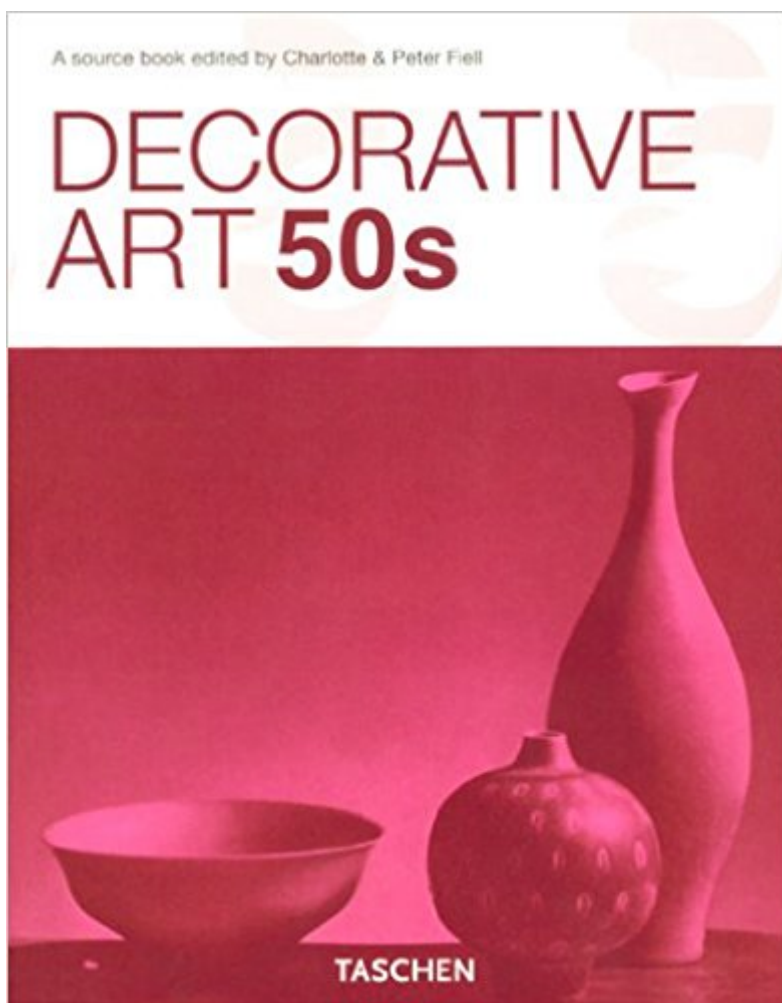


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# Decorative Art 50s (Taschen 25 Anniversary: Decorative Arts Series)



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