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THE DESIGN OF THINGS

From a Tuscan Ruin to a Midcentury Masterwork, Alluring Objects to Abstract Ideas, Small Rooms to Big Gardens

DESIGN MEMO

The fur rug gets elevated, literally, with sexy, shaggy chairs.

Clockwise from top left: **Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams** Ansel chair, $1,900, mgbwhome.com. **Nando Vigo for Erastudio Apartment-Gallery** Due Più chair, $10,185, 1stdibs.com. **Dante Goods & Bads** En Santo chair, $4,200, gardeshop.com. **Cini Boeri for Arflex** Botolo chair, $4,922, ddcnyc.com. **Venfield** Mongolian chair, $3,400, 1stdibs.com.

An Open Cookbook

Amanda Chantal Bacon, the founder of the L.A.-based wellness brand Moon Juice, owns countless cookbooks but can't remember ever having followed a recipe, preferring to page through them for inspiration, often in bed. To that end, she sees her own first book, out next month, as more guide than manual, for anyone who wants to rethink their entire food philosophy — though it does contain recipes, 75 of them, for things like green-juice-and-kelp gazpacho, almond milk kefir and chia sesame dough. — HILARY MOSS

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SHORT LIST

The new HBO show "High Maintenance" center on a New York City weed dealer making his delivery rounds, but the real subjects are his ustomers, described by the show's creators, husband and wife Ben Sinclair and Katy Blichfield (Sinclair also stars), as "humans just trying to maintain." Here, the couje's five favorite documentaries about real-life characters doing the same.

I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW
Two social misfits — a middle-aged man with Asperger's and a self-described intersex woman — are both obsessed with the '80s pop sensation Tiffany. The filmmaker connects the pair and you couldn't make up the results.

CAT DANCERS
Turns out that Siegfried and Roy are just the tip of the iceberg in the genre of exotic cat entertainment. This is the equally haunting and amusing story of a lesser-known act, set against the swampy backdrop of northern Florida.

THE UP SERIES
Director Michael Apted's commitment to his subjects over decades beautifully captures the spectrum of the human experience. It's as engaging as any great serialized drama, while maintaining laser focus on the banality of passing time.

MARWENCOL
Tmost unique tale of a ormed alcoholic. Mark agancamp recovers fro a violent assault as a w man, devoted to eapturing a richly inspired fictional town in hily detailed dioramas.

AN HONEST LIAR
Follow world-famous magician and escape artist James "The Amazing" Randi on his quest to expose phonies who use principles of magic to swindle. While truly skilled in the art of debunking, he has a blind spot on his personal life.