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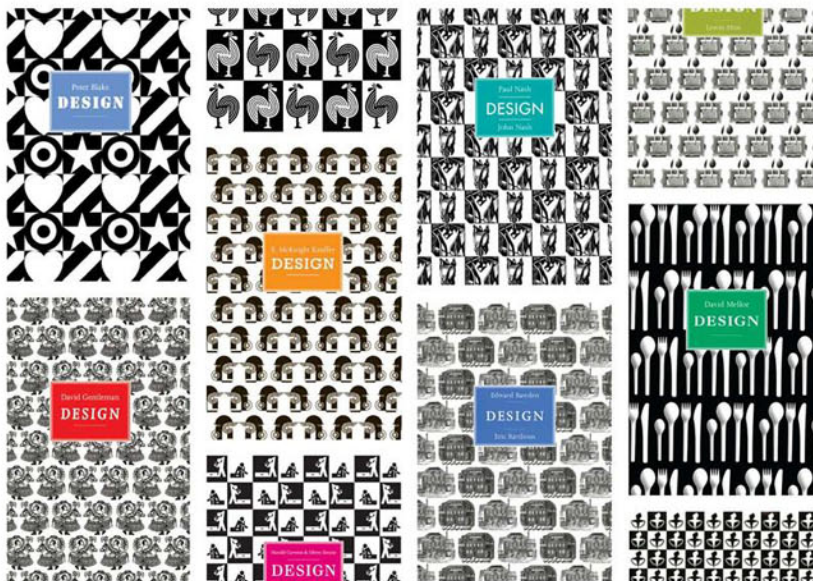
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### BRITISH BOOK DESIGN AND PRODUCTION AWARDS 2009

**Winner**

The *Design* series from ACC Publishing Group wins the Brand/Series Identity category, at the British Book Design and Production Awards.



#### The *Design* Series

There are currently 10 titles in this series, with a further three due soon. Each book has 96 pages, and their dimensions are 215 x 140mm.

These books are published by Antique Collectors' Club, an imprint of ACC Publishing Group, originally printed in China but pleased to say now printed in England by Butler & Tanner and Empress Litho. The award was accepted by Brian Webb, creator, co-author and designer of the series.

#### James Smith, Sales Director, ACC Publishing Group:

"It's incredibly important to us that each one can stand alone as a well designed book, but that they can also look superb as a series. Having the same designers, Webb&Webb Design Limited, work on each book creates cohesion throughout, Brian Webb is the originator of the series format.

The vision was to celebrate these well known artists, not as was normally done through their famous artworks but instead through their lesser known but equally fabulous work as designers - for book illustration, book covers, poster design, ceramic design, stamp design. We were lucky as publishers that as the series grew so did the popularity of modern British art. Russian art has also grown in popularity and the fact that we have books on Russian artists has given the series a greater international appreciation. Next year we will publish on some great 20th century Italian artist designers.

There is a thread that connects the work of many of the artists covered by the books, a thread that also connected their lives. Bawden and Ravillous were firm friends who studied together at the Royal College, Paul Nash had been one of their tutors, David Gentleman was taught by Bawden and John Nash.

The thread continued from generation to generation, from book to book. Individually they were commissioned to produce work for great events like The Festival of Britain (a volume in this series) or by commercial enterprises (like Curwen, another volume) or by public bodies (like the GPO, a volume coming next year). So although commissioned individually their work is often seen collectively."

#### Brian Webb, Designer, Webb&Webb:

"The *Design* series aren't standard trade editions and the ACC has been the ideal publisher to get them to the right audience. It looked like the series category was the stiffest competition in the awards, there were some really excellent entries. Winning the award is confirmation that we are going in the right direction."



# Brand/Series Identity

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