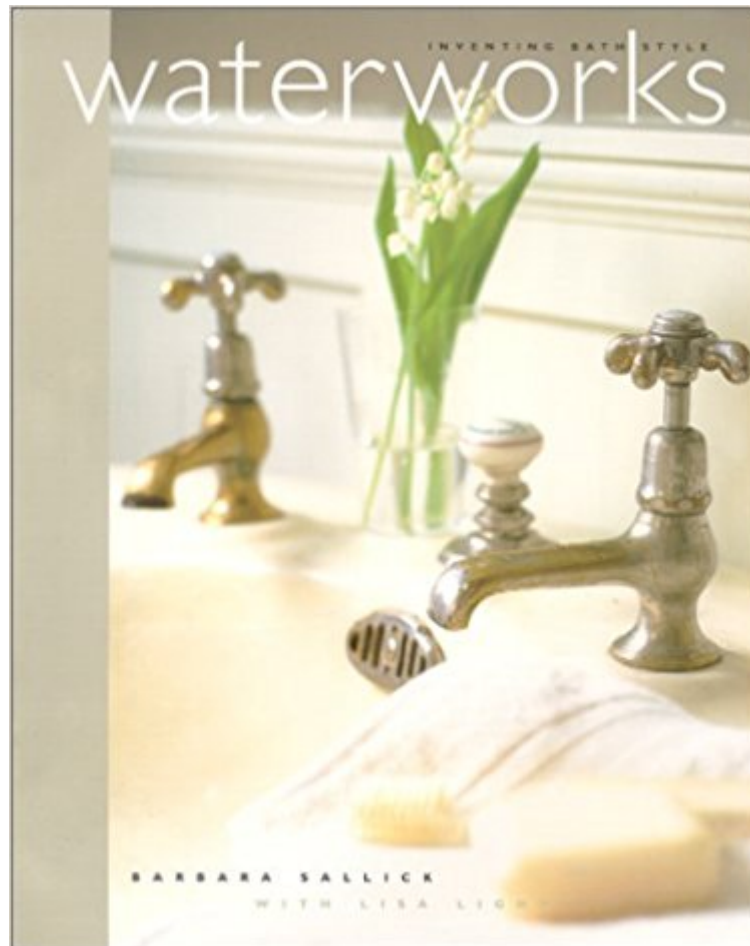




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# **Waterworks: Inventing Bath Style**



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

*Waterworks* is not a guide for the do-it-yourselfer. Rather, *Waterworks* is a love letter to what is presumably the author's favorite room--a justification of that peculiar but widespread obsession that provokes the purchase of fancy lotions and potions, rich terry-cloth towels, and scented candles, and that stimulates dreams of oversized bathtubs and vintage-tile back splashes. According to

Barbara Sallick, the mechanics of the bathroom are best left in the hands of experienced contractors--and, herself a professional bath designer and supplier, that approach is only to be expected. In no other room in the house, to be sure, is one in such close physical contact with permanent, immovable, functional fixtures and fittings: sink (called lavatory here), toilet (water closet), and bath (well, just bath). While those elements must be chosen with great care by the people who are to use them every day, they must be installed flawlessly, and professionals are the ones to do that. Sallick's book won't help you lay out a bathroom floor plan, install a shower, or choose tiles (though her brief glossary of terms provides the language one might need in order to communicate with a subcontractor). It will, however, help you figure out exactly what you want, organizing those grandiose dreams into something a contractor will understand. Here are some things you'll want, after reading the Waterworks bath supplier co-owner's book: handcrafted (most definitely handcrafted) faucet handles, an antique enameled medicine cabinet, creamy bone hair comb and blond-wood shaving brush, glass canisters for cotton balls and swabs, marble and lots of it, exposed plumbing under a vintage lavatory basin, and perhaps a towel warmer. The bathrooms featured here, whether that be the large ones or the small, glorious, luxurious, or austere, are not for the faint of budget. --Liana Fredley

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If you live outside of a major metro, and you're planning a Victorian/Edwardian/thirties period kind of bath, you're pretty much relegated to choosing things online out of Restoration Hardware and other

"period" purveyors. Local showrooms focus mostly on newer-build kinds of installations. A book like this is really helpful in that it lets you get a good look at some lovely period bathrooms. There are several groups of multiple photos of the same bathroom so you can see a material like the tile in all the areas of the installation. I admit to really having been grateful to having had this book when the floor tile I had ordered turned out not to be available and I was caught having to quickly choose something else. The author has a strong bias which I mostly agree with, but sometimes questioned. (She says acrylic bathtubs have it all over cast iron -- the one area where new materials have superseded the lovely old authentic ones).

most of Waterworks shown in book are based on historic styles, somewhat modernized. I would call this a vanity book. Lots of text. And I would not give them the credit for Inventing a Bath Style.

I got this as a gift for an interior designer - she loved it. If you are looking for a beautifully laid out book, this is it.

I was expecting a book, not a catalog. I didn't find this useful. That said, it's a very beautiful publication.

Waterworks is one of the best bath books I have ever seen from a teaching standpoint. The book offers great advice about selecting fixtures, a variety of surfaces and adding accessories among others. Every aspect of designing the perfect bathroom is covered in the right amount of detail. I especially loved the section, "finding creative storage solutions" in a bathroom and the images complement each section to truly bring the bathroom descriptions alive. A must have for anyone trying to remodel a bathroom. Also makes for a great "coffee table" book, sure to start an evening of fun conversations.

This book gets into the nooks and crannies of bathroom decorating. Details are abound and you end up learning more than you ever thought you would about the bathroom. From tiles to apothecary, nothing is overlooked. The rooms pictured are flawless. This will not disappoint! A+++

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