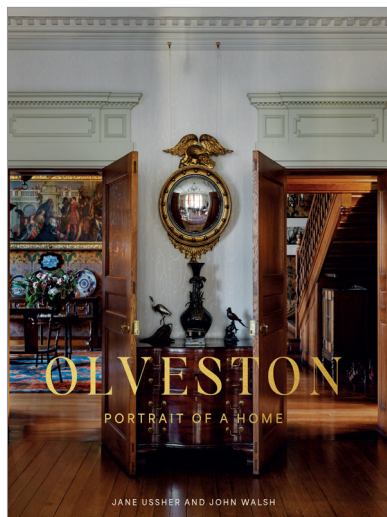


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THE OPULENT INTERIORS OF A GLORIOUS HISTORIC HOUSE

Oveston is one of New Zealand's most remarkable and beautiful heritage homes. Built in 1907 by David Theomin, a wealthy merchant and one of Dunedin's accomplished Jewish businessmen of that era, its opulence reflects the economic power that was concentrated in Dunedin at the start of the 20th century, largely thanks to the earlier gold rush and the booming farming sector.

Theomin and his wife Marie were cultured people who travelled a great deal and the house is full of items brought back from abroad, as well as valuable furniture and significant paintings. Designed by leading British architect Sir Ernest George, the beautifully cared-for house is now in public ownership and open for tours.

Oveston: Portrait of a home, evocatively photographed by Jane Ussher, documents its exquisite rooms full of treasures.

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