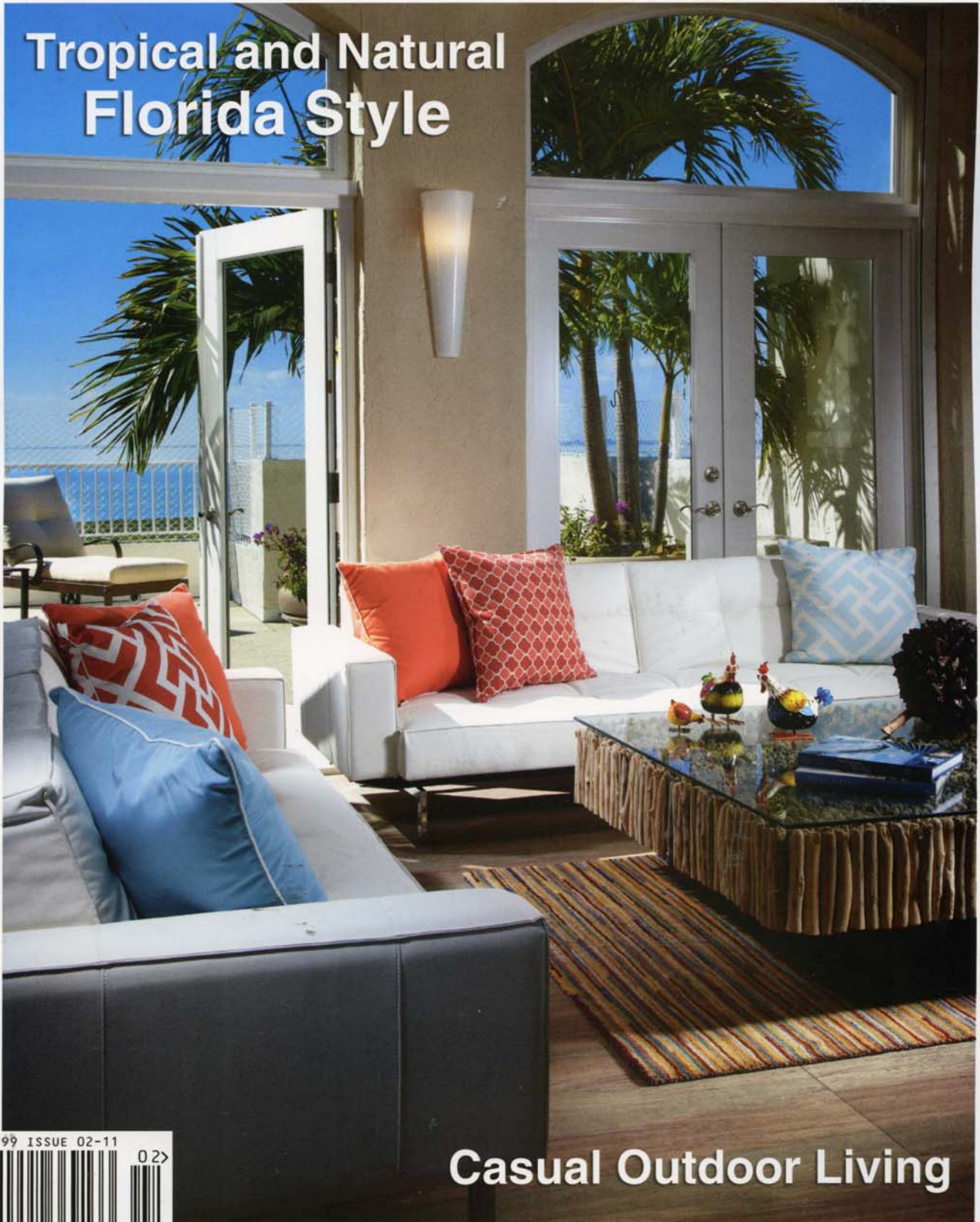


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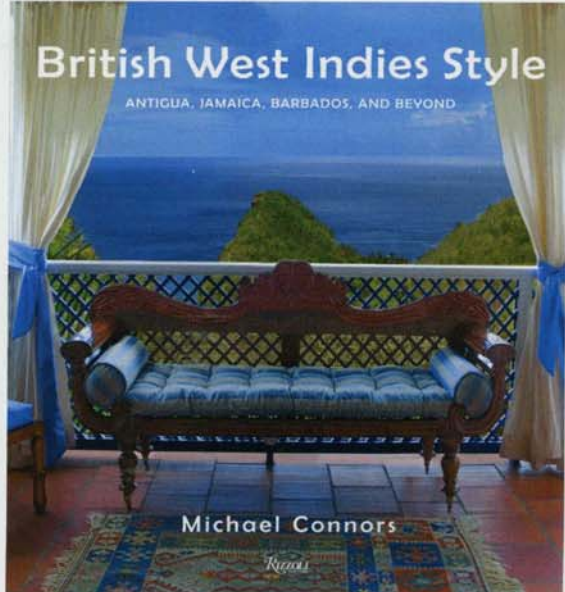
A pair of locally crafted courbaril tea tables, set to serve lunch, overlooking Soufrière, one of St. Lucia's oldest port towns. Photography by Brent Winebrenner.



Inside these pages: *British West Indies Style* showcases the interiors, architecture and furnishings of the English Colonial great homes and historic town-houses on the islands in the Caribbean — from the British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Nevis, Antigua and beyond, to the less-traveled islands of St. Lucia, Dominica, Bequia, St. Vincent and Mustique.

West Indian decorative arts scholar and author Michael Connors provides a rare glimpse into as many as 50 private homes of the islands' affluent, both historical and contemporary. Elegant yet practical and accessible, these environment-enhancing designs are ever-present in today's contemporary interiors.

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ABOVE: *British West Indies Style* by Michael Connors. Mid-nineteenth-century, mahogany and hand-caned settee from Nevis. Photography by Brent Winebrenner. Published by Rizzoli New York. www.rizzoliusa.com

Devoted to preserving as well as promoting the environmental, cultural and architectural integrity of the airy, island lifestyle, Connors has successfully composed this comprehensive study. For the first time, a wide variety of data has been compiled to celebrate the material culture and traditions of English island great houses and the island-crafted furniture inside them.

Set against the backdrop of a tropical paradise, the Caribbean islands are steeped in the splendor of a lavish architectural past. The English island "style of choice" for the earlier seaside architecture transitioned easily to new cultural motifs as the allure of island living found its way into contemporary interior design. ♦

RIGHT: Originally part of the old sugar factory on St. Kitts, the Rawlins Plantation Inn dining room serves entrées such as freshly caught lobster or mahi mahi from Dieppe Bay with organic vegetables and fruits from Rawlins grounds. Photography by Brent Winebrenner.



