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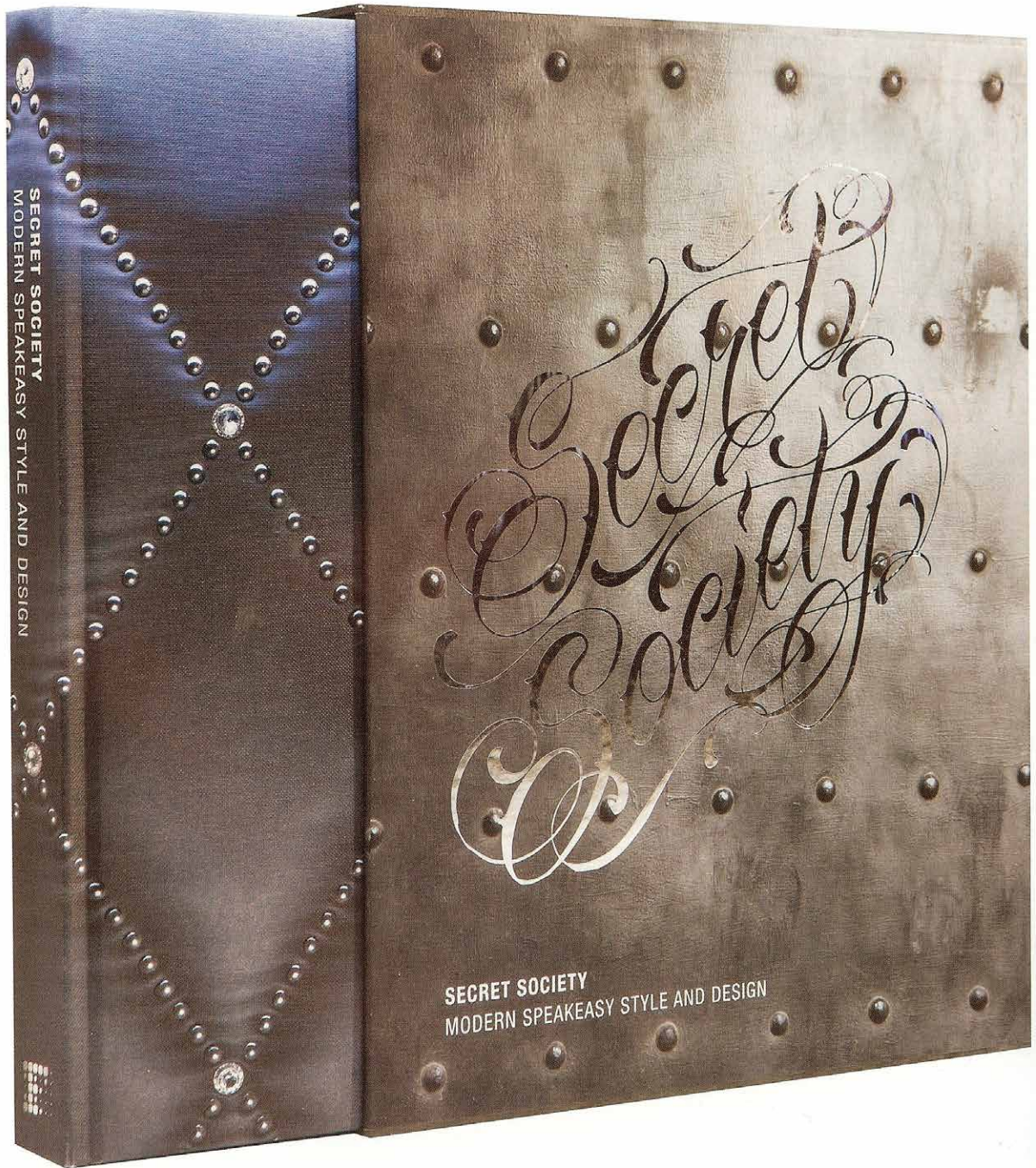
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# ART BOOKS

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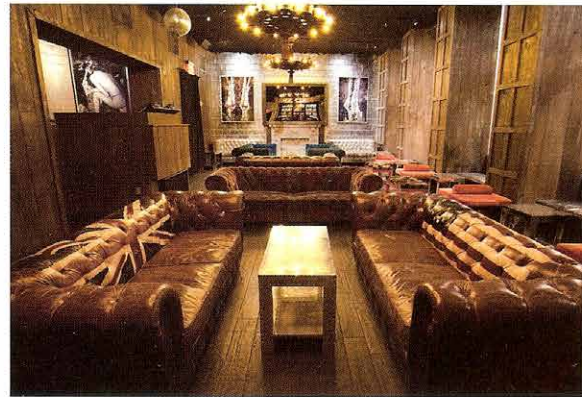
The speakeasies of today have evolved. They are no longer these dingy spaces in basements, but luxurious settings designed by some of the world’s best nightlife architects.  
— Christian Alexander

SO, CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

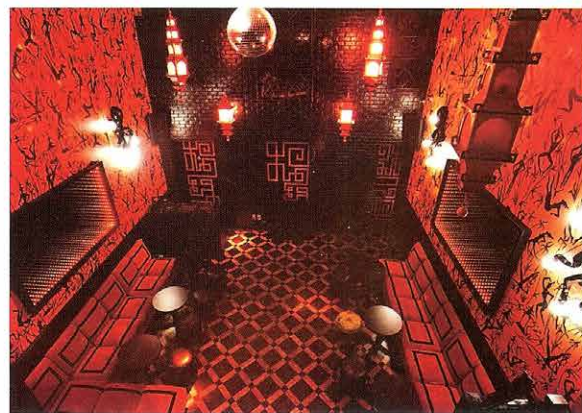
I could not be more excited about this book. Christian Alexander, curator of Secret Society, dubs it “the bible of all things hidden in plain sight,” and that’s exactly what it is. This book features modern-day speakeasies from across the globe, which you’ll need in order to find the precise locations of these prohibition-inspired bars. “The allure is the unique passage into these speakeasies, as much as the actual hidden destination.” To maintain their privacy and exclusivity, there are only city names and latitude and longitude coordinates listed. “Popularity breeds isolation,” Christian says. “Speakeasy culture is a refuge for those who want to feel free and uninhibited by the watchful eye of the masses.”

Other art books worth checking out this summer are *Kate Spade New York: Things We Love*, published by Abrams; *Fashion Designers, A-Z* by Suzy Menkes, published by Taschen; *Terence Donovan Fashion* by Diana Donovan, David Hillman, and Terence Donovan, published by Art/Books.

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