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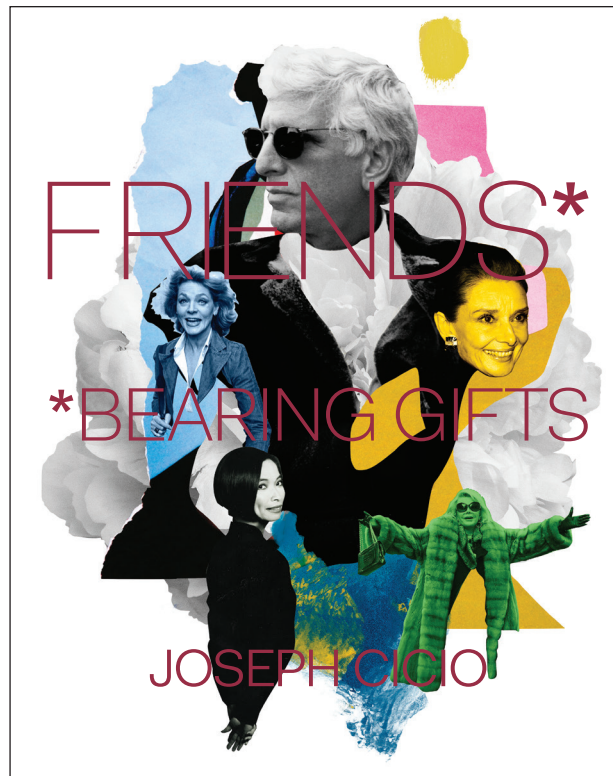
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Friends *Bearing Gifts* is about these relationships and his memories through the beautiful objects they gave him. Featuring stunning photography of Cicio's Connecticut home, with essays on these friends and their gifts, the book emphasizes the importance of relationships. It is a reflection on a life filled with warmth, beauty, and ultimately exceptional memories. As Nancy Kissinger says in her elegant foreword, "No one understands and articulates the value of friendship more sincerely than Joe."

Joseph Cicio was born in Brooklyn into an Italian-American family. After three years as a monastic monk he returned to the secular world and began his career at Lord & Taylor moving on to Macy's. Eventually he rose to Chairman and CEO of I. Magnin in San Francisco and later Donna Karan's President of Retail Development. Other positions followed including top roles at Sun International, Mayors Jewelry, Penhaligon's, Erno Laszlo, and as a consultant for fashion and home furnishings brands worldwide.

Joseph Cicio lives in Litchfield County, CT.

Friends *Bearing Gifts*, his first book, is dedicated to his son Christopher.

