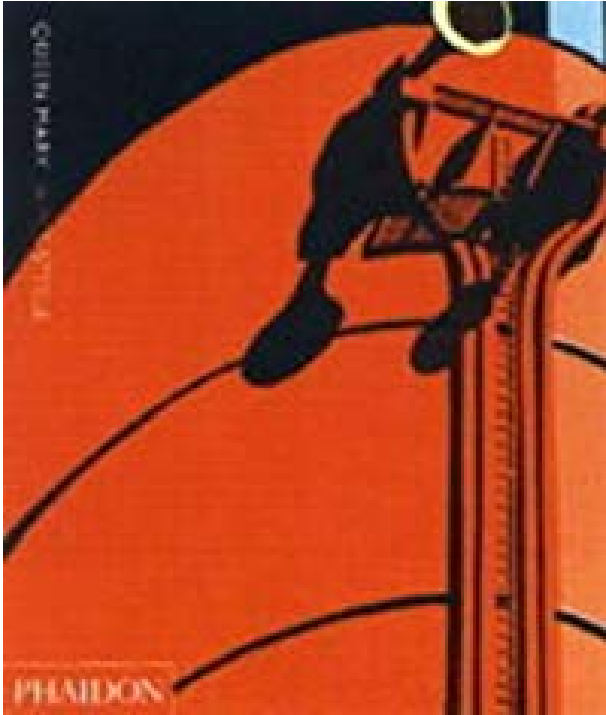


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This text tells the story of the Queen Mary, once the world's largest and fastest ocean liner. Put into service in 1936, she soon captured the imagination of the public on both sides of the Atlantic, and came to represent the spirit of an era that was characterized by elegance and style. With her speed and stateliness, the new liner provided a tangible symbol of the end of the Depression, making her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York a source of great national pride. Her Art Deco interiors were renowned for their craftsmanship and attention to detail, with everything from carpets to doorknobs specially designed by the best artists and craftsmen of the period.

Contemporary with New York's finest Deco hotels and office blocks, such as the Chrysler Building, the Queen Mary provides a floating example of the streamlined style.