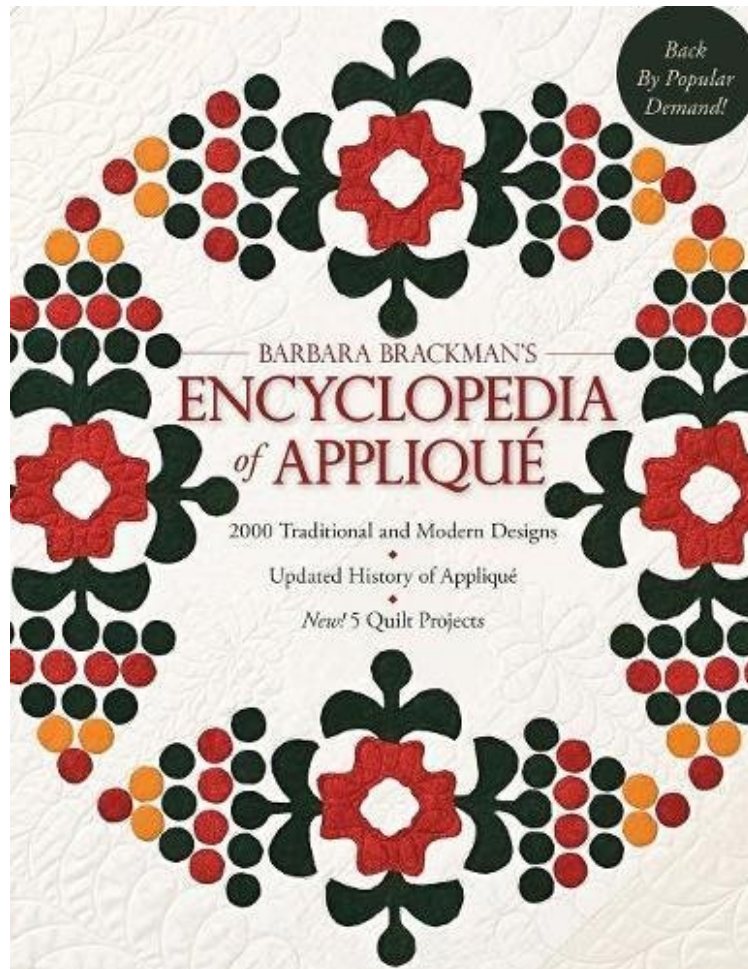


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About the AuthorBarbara Brackman has written numerous books about quilts and the history of quilts and fabrics. She also designs reproduction fabrics, is a consultant for museums, and a member of the Quilter's Hall of Fame.