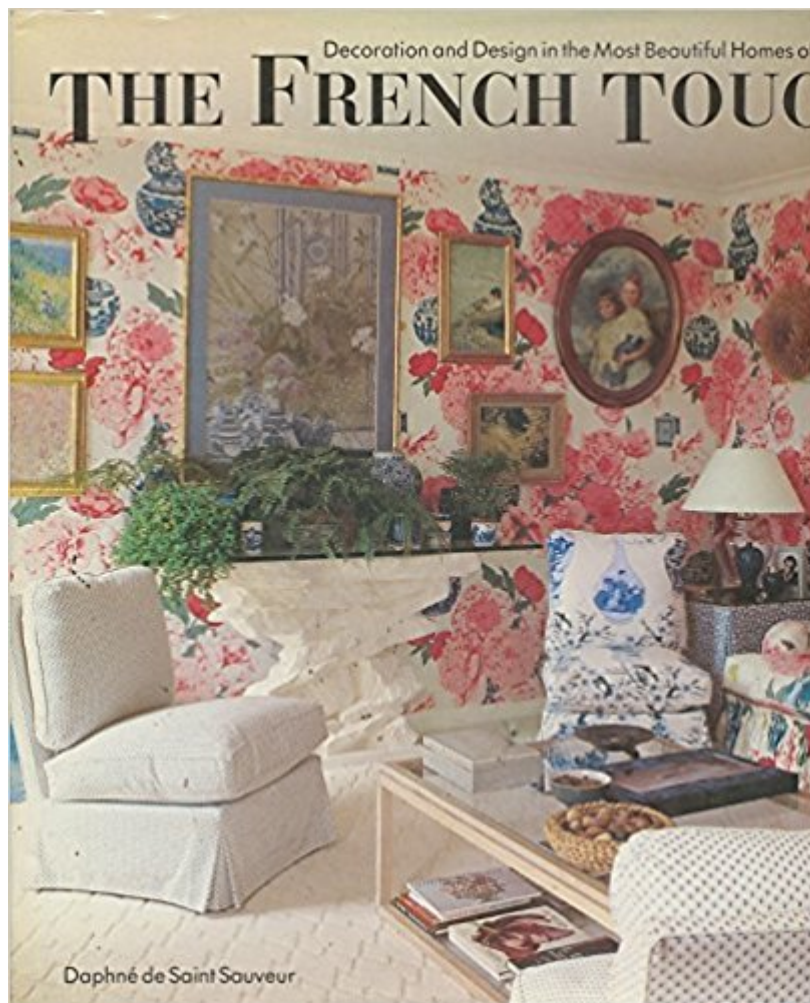


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The French Touch: Decoration And Design In The Most Beautiful Homes Of France



Synopsis

The French touch is a native sense of quality and poise, an effortless elegance. Here is an opportunity to experience this unique design style, with hundreds of sumptuous photographs of France's most beautiful homes--all selected from the pages of *Maison & Jardin*. 250 color illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

Daphn  de saint Sauveur began her career in journalism at Figaro, Figaro Magazine, and Madame Figaro in the department "Art de Vivre" and for several years was the editor-in-chief of *Maison & Jardin*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a lovely little book. Many decorating books present rooms that are too perfect and sterile. They may be beautiful, but it's hard to envision living in them.  The French Touch: Decoration and Design in the Most Beautiful Homes of France  differs because it is illustrated with examples of homes that are both elegant and charming. This book doesn't confine itself to one style of home, or one school of decorating. It shows us apartments in Paris, a townhouse in Brittany, a country home in Normandy, a renovated farm house in Provence, and many other dwellings. Some are dressed in a modern fashion; some are traditional; others are eclectic. If any of that sounds like your own home then you may be able to pick up some nice ideas from this book. By that I don't mean copy the rooms but perhaps you'll find an interesting way to display your collections, or dress your bed, or a

way to freshen a tired space in your home. The French Touch is comprised of hundreds of small details that make a home a charming, comfortable haven. Borrow some ideas! Recommended!

Thought this book would provide more up to date images and decorative tips. It is a bit outdated. Not a classic, by any stretch of the imagination....

This is an older book but, as they say "What is old is new again"! This book gives you modern and touches of traditional decor all in one.

I am working on redecorating my house, and this book has many great ideas. It is used and in very good shape. I have no complaints.

Sumptuous interiors lavishly decorated! The interiors are beautifully decorated with lots of color and fabrics. Very rich and inviting. I highly recommend it to any French design lover!

This book was published many years (well over fifteen) ago, and it is still one of the most gorgeous interior decorating books I have ever seen - something about the simplicity, balance and order of French style, while accompanied by the beautiful lines of the furniture and the colors of fabrics, wall coverings, etc. appealed to me then and became unforgettable. This was the book that showed me that French style was right for me, although I don't speak French, have never been to France and thought it held no appeal to me. Suddenly I realized that that English style (as seen today) was too crowded, too mismatched, too shabby and depressing; Italian? either too minimalist or too ornate; Spanish? too heavy and clunky; Oriental? nice in small doses, but not really comfortable looking. I lusted after this book since I checked it out of the library at least 13 years ago - The houses of Ile de France were the most unforgettable - golden sunlight (great photography, obviously), green grass, gravel walkways. Never mind that my little mud hut will never resemble them. The images from this book are indelibly printed in my memory, even though I cannot remember one single word of text. If that makes it "only a coffee table book" then so be it. I am delighted to finally be able to buy it used. Unforgettable.

Basically a good book..a little dated but good design always holds up through the years. My complaint is only that the lighting in the photos are so moody its hard to really focus on the details which is why I wanted it.

"Houses like this make you want to read Balzac..." written by the editor of *Maison & Jardin*, this book is a treat. It may be just a coffee-table book, but it is also an assemblage of unique home interiors which are unlike those in the USA. Despite having been to France several times, I am unlikely to have the chance to see this type of decor unless I vastly improve my social contacts! Overall, I found it charming.

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