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French Chateau: Life, Style, Tradition



Synopsis

Here are elegant chateaux filled with wonderfully traditional furnishings and art passed from generation to generation. The authors take readers on a tour of chateaux that still remain in private hands, opening doors that are usually closed to the outside world. From Medieval and Renaissance palaces to small, intimate chateaux, these homes are truly castles. 350 color photographs.

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The subtitle aptly depicts the content of this photo essay, which reveals intimate details of family life in the French chateau of today. We are invited inside the princely residences of several contemporary French families to catch a glimpse of their way of life. No architectural odyssey this; often we're not even shown a picture of the chateau itself. But what treasures await us inside! A cook ushers us into the kitchen, a maid takes us on a tour of the linen room, a butler allows us to view the china cabinet. Then we sit down to dinner with crystal goblets ablaze from the candles illuminating the entire room. Naudin's dazzling photographs also lead us outside to the kitchen gardens, a hunt, and a formal wedding. Though anecdotal historical commentary is provided for each chateau, a fairy-tale quality pervades these settings; often, we don't even know their location on the map. Recommended for readers who enjoy a look at the good life.- Edward B. Cone, New York
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Christiane De Nicolay-Mazery is a fabulous author with fabulous connections. I'm an interior designer & I find Christiane De Nicolay-Mazery's books to be the most inspirational decorating books that I own. One of her other books, 'Private Houses of Paris', is my favorite book on the topic of decorating and I own almost every significant book published on this topic. This book is available in hardback as 'used', which I found and purchased later since I handled the softcover version to the point of it coming apart even though the softcover version is of excellent quality. Inspirational design is absolutely on every page of this book!

An unusual and beautifully published book that profiles privately-owned chateaux, inside and out. It gives you an intimate view of life within the rooms, formal and informal, utility and casual, garden and forest. Family and friends are included from a respectable distance, showing weekend sporting activities and day to day life. Snobbish? Unapproachable? Not really. Think of it as a personable Architectural Digest a la Francaise, with much more panache.

I ADORE THIS BOOK.....a real touch of FRANCE!

The title of this book is very truthful, it has many more pages about how these extremely wealthy men and women live and not as many good photographs of the actual properties. Overall though, it is still a very nice book and would be a nice gift for any Francophile.

See how the other side lives in this fascinating book on private French chateaux. Their residences as well as their lifestyles are revealed in this book packed with gorgeous photos dripping with color and layers of texture. What's also interesting about this book is the history behind each property as well as its past owners. One can only dream...

If you love French history, art, decoration and life style; if you have ever dreamed of living in a beautiful French chateau, you must get this book. Each time I open this book I am enchanted. What makes this book especially interesting is that people still live in these chateaus, these dreamscapes of tall Mansart roofs, formal French gardens and rooms filled with 18th century furniture. Forget about the text, it's the ravishingly photographed gardens and interiors that inspire one to dream. Beyond the sheer fantasy of it, this book showed me how I could create a little of the "French Chateau Style" in my own humble living space.

ok book, not one of my best picks, several out there that are better as far as decorating goes!

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