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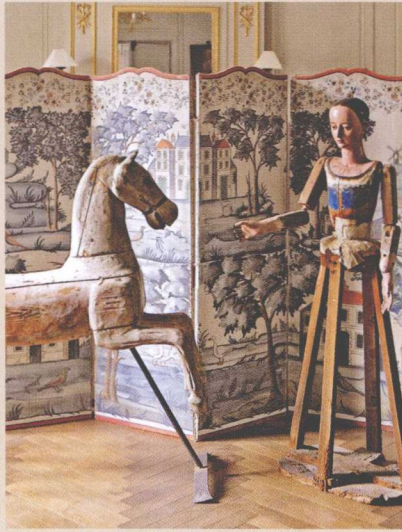
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Decorating is an art of living, a way of cultivating your surroundings in order to feel comfortable—whether cocooning or entertaining, relaxing or receiving guests. French design is all about juxtaposing unexpected and unconventional combinations to create a unique home. Any style can be adapted to a house in the city or the country, to an apartment or a château; it just calls for imagination and an approach free of preconceived notions. Anything is possible, it's a frame of mind—it's inspiration via decoration.

From traditional to eclectic, or from contemporary to natural, this volume demonstrates that the possibilities are endless. Discover the rustic, rugged, and homely feel of the residences unveiled in a chapter devoted to authentic interiors. Enjoy daydreaming in idyllic, romantic atmospheres, surrounded by flowing fabrics and whimsical touches. Create an eclectic living space full of bold colors and prints, juxtaposed with unusual objects. Or reproduce grand, sophisticated, and elegant interiors reminiscent of a French château, complete with crimson velvet and fine upholstery. Through the exploration of seven different yet complementary styles, a profusion of ideas is revealed to add a certain French flair to your home.

The 111 locations featured in this book are the product of four years of travels throughout France; four years of discoveries, encounters, and exchanges. Let yourself be guided through the extraordinary destinations replete with French panache and inspiration that are compiled in this extensive work, from rural guesthouses to charming antique shops to seaside retreats; enjoy them from the comforts of your own home, or use the address book to plot your course to visit these rare and exceptional places in person. Happy travels!



*A*uthentic

Aubrac

The school of life



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Guesthouse

The setting is rustic, the owner gruff—a “real character,” you might think, on a first meeting. A product of the Aubrac mountain air, the reclusive life here in Saint-Urcize? He has a *buron* (a traditional shepherd’s hut for making cheese) and a Citroën Mehari jeep. He’s also the owner of a local institution, Chez Remise—a hotel, restaurant, bar, tobacco store, and newspaper stand run with his wife Isabelle, and family. The voluble band of local anglers have made it their headquarters. Fred Remise—for that is his name—knows every nook of the local river and mountain. Everyone knows him, too. And suddenly Saint-Urcize seems like the center of the world. Thanks to Fred, people came here first to fish. There were stirrings of life at the hotel. Then Fred and Isabelle renovated the old village school, in order to have bigger bedrooms. They gave it the name of the fountain on the village square. Now Saint-Urcize is a place of pilgrimage—not least for dinner chez Bras, in nearby Laguiole. Why not carry on to Santiago de Compostela? The old pilgrims’ route passes further down the mountain.





A cosy, scholarly retreat



Where's Fred? Saint-Urcize is a small place, and Fred is never far from his hotel in the village's old school. Every morning, he's first up to light the fire in the great hearth, beside which stands "his" favorite armchair. The table stands in the midst of a space resembling a colorful, jumbled traveler's notebook in three dimensions: a cheerful accumulation of objects and vintage finds brought back from heaven knows where, each telling its own story.