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Flea Market Fabulous: Designing Gorgeous Rooms With Vintage Treasures



Synopsis

Focusing on nine different rooms (including her own recently purchased Manhattan apartment), Lara Spencer shows readers that all it takes is planning, shopping know-how, and a little imagination to create beautiful and comfortable homes that reflect their personal style. She takes readers through the step-by-step process of overcoming the challenges of the room, offering helpful tips and lessons along the way. She identifies the design dilemma; comes up with a decorating plan; makes a mood board for inspiration; compiles a shopping list; scours flea markets for furniture and accessories that fit the bill; restores, repurposes, and reinvents the pieces she finds, giving them new life; and brings all the elements together in the gorgeous, finished space. With illuminating before, during, and after photographs of her DIY projects and the room installations, Lara demystifies the decorating process and allows readers to envision endless possibilities for what they can do in their own homes.

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Customer Reviews

I loved loved loved I Break for Yard Sales and was so excited about getting the latest entry from Lara Spencer, who is talented, resourceful, and has great taste and a wonderful "eye." I will use this book for quick reference but basically there was nothing new in this book at all - expect perhaps for her NYC office (maybe I missed that episode of her excellent show, which I hope HGTV was smart enough to renew). The book is a re-hash of the shows. There are some publishers who

scrupulously avoid publishing books with photos from TV shows, to give readers/viewers something fresh and new. I don't mind seeing some of the images and rooms over again, however, the entire book is simply a recap of shows you can see in re-runs. Some of the details are useful, but I was hoping for new info. I felt her first book was jam-packed with freshly presented insights, info, and images. This book was disappointing because I felt I could have gotten the same info from HGTV website. Publisher, please ask authors to provide fresh material for books! As for the rooms themselves, the majority are very good and it's handy to have some of the details at arm's reach. I do not like the "woman's cave" (and didn't when I saw it on the show). Other than that they are great rooms (except the glass coffee table in the first room is too far from the sofa, and looks awkward - perhaps this was done for staging but it's not practical. The other element I thought was a bit unfair to readers was to wait until the end to say how much her very high end, very expensive Connecticut upholsterer, who I am sure is very good, charges to redo pieces. The \$25 chairs she points to in the chapter actually cost closer to \$600-1000 each when reupholstered. But you have to wait until a chart at the end of the book to realize this.

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