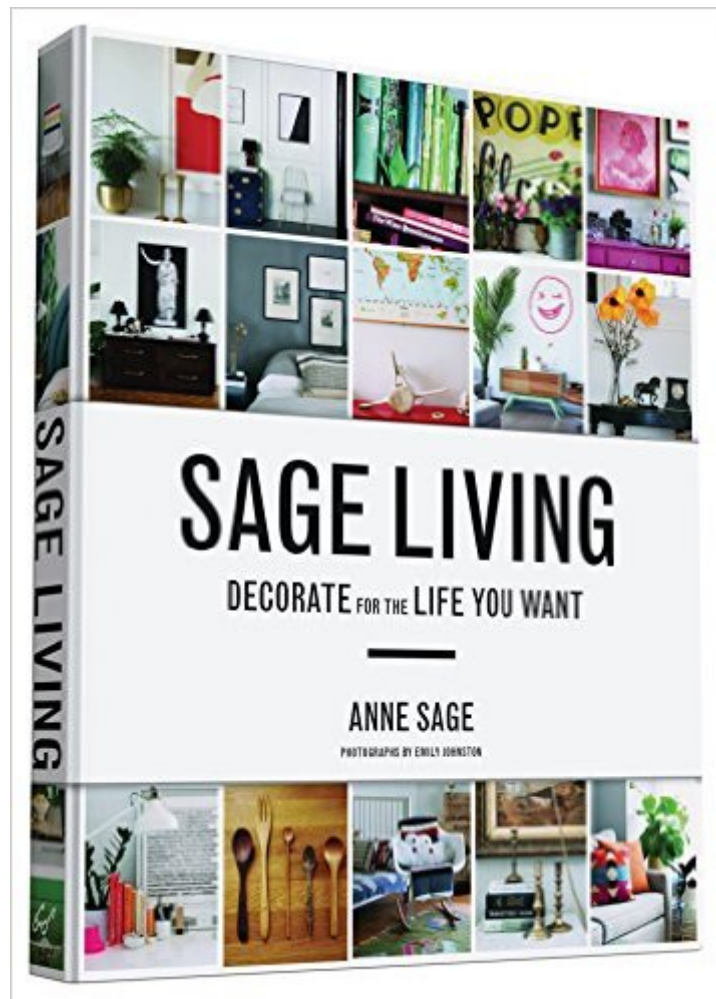


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# Sage Living: Decorate For The Life You Want



## Synopsis

Perfectly named style maven and City Sage blogger Anne Sage knows a wise truth: decorating our living spaces for our goals is the first step in making them happen. In Sage Living, she opens the door to covetable dwellings designed to boost the dreams of their occupants, from the sunny, open-air kitchen of a holistic nutritionist to the eclectic living room of a world traveler ready to put down roots. With page after page of stunning interiors, engagingly written home stories, and hundreds of design tips for every room, Sage Living goes beneath the stylized surface to help readers decorate for the lives they truly want.

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## Customer Reviews

Beautiful book. Inspiring rooms. I love design books, especially those that show attainable design with real people as subjects. Sage's prose is maddening, however. It's syntax is so flowery it's distracting. It reads more like she is selling a product with her hyperbole than describing specifics in the homes. An editor should take the fall here. She ends sentences with prepositions, misplaces modifiers, etc. Or, like on pg 81, there is a bowl described that is not visible in the layout. I would have also liked to have more pictures even if that meant fewer featured homes to get a more intimate look at these spaces. Overall, I am glad I bought this book, appreciate the cheerful, clean aesthetic, but felt increasingly annoyed at the prose.

I avidly read Apartment Therapy, Dwell, MyDomain, Coco + Kelley, Savvy Home, and numerous

other sources. While I'm inspired and moved by the designs, I feel somewhat overwhelmed, as if I can't replicate or create something within my own space. Anne Sage's book is not only inspiring, but empowering in terms of how I view my living space. My rooms are sources of happiness and sanctuary, bolstered by Anne's "sage" advice on how I can make the spaces my own. All the photography is beautiful! I want to keep turning the pages to see what other visual eye candy will get my brain fired up. Even better, the writing is top notch. I get a sense of who Anne is and what drives her rather than sterile, processed copy across pages. Let me just say that I liked the book so much, I ended up taking it with me when I moved to Amsterdam. It'll be serving as my guide when I make my new apartment into my sanctuary.

This book uniquely combines beautiful images and great writing to address interior design with a larger purpose, namely how to create a home where you can live a more fulfilling life. The families and homes featured are also unique in that they are not multi-million, completely unattainable mansions but instead dwellings that are pretty accessible for the every-day person, making the ideas actually relevant and interesting for anyone who wants a home that brings family and friends together.

It was great for a read-through but one and done. Better as a library borrow. I thought it would be one I would return to again and again but the rooms showcased are really specific to the people who live in them.

So far, I got a lot out of reading it for the first time already with making slight changes, but enjoy the reading tremendously. Change and tweak your life, not a bad idea at all. The pictures are fantastic and the people featured are inspirational, but not really my reality, which is fine because I like to dream.

Beautiful photos, beautiful writing, beautiful ideas on how to live better in the space you already have. 10/10 would sage again.

Personally I don't care for this book. I would say that the prose is actually the best thing about it, its very thoughtful and different from other design books. While there are a few interiors that I love in here (Jennifer Altman's house is rad), over all its pretty meh. There's nothing in this book that's cooler than what I have going on in my own house. There's a lot of that new trendy minimal

bohemian thing that I don't like and don't get . The main thing I dislike about this book is that the photos are redundant and not informative. There will be multiple views of the same room from a different angle that don't really give you any new information, this makes me so frustrated. Also, the text will sometimes describe something that sounds interesting but there wont be a picture of it, we are told on pg 59 that Julia Lake has a china hutch which is a key piece in her home, so why cant we see it? For me, not worth the money, Pinterest is way more satisfying. A few books that are worth the money (and cost less money): Flea Market Style by Emily Chalmers, Creative Spaces by Geraldine James, Decorate by Holly Becker and Joanna Copestick, and The House Book by Terence Conran (from the 70s!)

What a stunning book. Full disclosure, my living room is in it. I knew Emily Johnson's photography was gorgeous and Anne's writing was engaging. Nonetheless, it is so refreshing to see a home decor book go beyond beautiful spaces to delve into how a space feels, how a family or person or couple could grow into and with their space. Our lives have meaning so get this book for incredible ideas about how to build your space around your meaning.

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