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Antiques At Home: Cherchez's Book Of Collecting And Decorating With Antiques



Synopsis

For years, collecting antiques has been Barbara Ohrbach's favorite pastime. Cherchez, the elegant home furnishings shop she owned in New York City, reflected her exquisite taste and impeccable eye. In this very personal book, she gives practical advice about collecting and living with antique objects. As she says, all of these treasures from the past are what "give a room its personality and style and a house its soul." *Antiques at Home* is filled with more than 300 photographs of beautiful old objects and rooms, and provides a wonderful look at the world of collecting -- from flea markets to elegant stores. Ms. Ohrbach discusses many types of antiques, including ceramics, silver, and textiles. In each chapter, she interviews some of the most respected people in the antiques business and includes tips for what to look for when buying antiques and ideas on how to decorate with them. Each chapter ends with a special section on how to care for and preserve these objects. Ms. Ohrbach shares her enthusiasm in searching for antiques and tells us where to find them in an international source guide that reveals her favorite antiques shops, fairs, markets, unusual museums, and historic homes. Decorative arts societies, reference books, decorating periodicals, and restorers are also listed. Beautiful objects that were used and loved in everyday life in the past have become very special to us today. For everyone who has already discovered the warmth that old things bring to our homes, as well as for newcomers to collecting, this book will be a treasured guide.

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Barbara Milo Ohrbach is the owner and president of Cherchez, the elegant and trend-setting shop she established in New York City, now in Millbrook, New York. In addition to home furnishings and antiques, Cherchez also creates and sells fragrances for the home, which are sold in stores both here and abroad. Ms. Ohrbach is the author of thirteen books. Cherchez and Ms. Ohrbach have been featured in *Vogue*, *W*, *People*, *House Beautiful*, *House and Garden*, *Gourmet*, *Glamour*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*. Ms. Ohrbach travels extensively with her husband, searching for unusual antiques and objects for her shops, and ideas for her books.

Loved the history lesson in art, found some gems of wisdom that I hadn't found other places, like a good overview of how and why certain pieces were used and how that changed over time. A dated book (1984) when referring to shops and how to find art (the internet has changed how we research hallmarks and shop for pieces), but many of the ideas are still fresh, and basic art and design will always be relevant. I learned a lot and enjoyed the book as a visual treasure. How to care for specific art was very helpful. The author had a lifetime of knowledge to share and she did it

well.

I have loved this book from the moment I borrowed it from the library! After borrowing the book several times over 11 years, I finally decided to purchase it through and I was not disappointed as it was a new book from the publisher. It has become a part of my personal library. The book serves as a reference for me! I love it!

This is my all time favorite book on Antiques, beautiful photography, and REAL information for anyone who wants to learn more about antiques, collect just one type of thing, or just loves beautiful things. It is a great gift if you know someone likes the thrill of the hunt for treasure or just junk.

Excellent book for decor! Absolute conversation starter! Photography is perfect!

Good overview of collectibles. It does not really give suggestions on how to use or display the antiques at home, as the title leads one to expect.

Another, wonderful, beautiful book by Barbara Milo Ohrbach----I would love to invite her to my home for lunch, so she can feast her eyes, on my own personal collection!

Bought it as a gift since I purchased this book ages ago when it was first published.

Love this book and Highly recommend it for those with Higher end Decorating Taste and Antiques

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