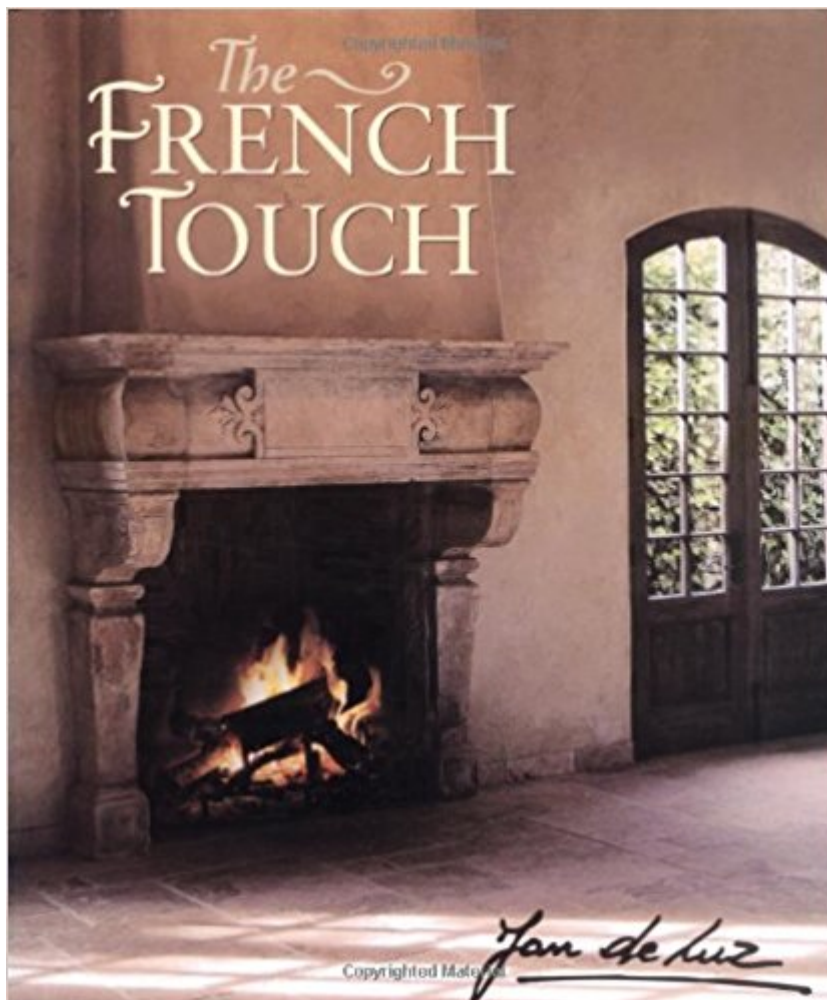




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The French Touch



Synopsis

Jan de Luz brings Southern French style to America in a bold way: he rescues antique French architectural elements and accessories from the countryside-mantels, farmhouse sinks, stone sentinels and fountains, even wooden spiral staircases-and brings them to America. Installed in their final American destinations, each piece stands as a stately, impressive, and lovely piece of art in a living room, kitchen, garden, or any room of the house. With luscious photography by Tom O'Neill, an extensive resource list, and chapters that include "Importing French culture to America," "Pieces that Transform," and "Hunting for the Rare," this book is destined to become a classic for Francophiles, antique collectors, and anyone who loves the feel of the old-world countryside.

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Jan De Luz, was born in the Basque region of Southwestern France in 1949. He started out as an apprentice with a cabinetmaker, then in his 20s, turned his attention to recreating old fabrics. Following his passion is essential to Jan de Luz, and led to his first successful business - a chain of retail stores throughout France featuring the finest quality natural-fiber linens designed and woven in his own workshop. In 1996, he and his family moved to California and established an import

business for French antiques. Jan lives on the Central Coast of California, with his wife, Brigitte, daughters, Carla and Lehená, and son, Olivier.No Information Available

Had to buy this book once I went to his store in Carmel, CA. It was great to hear the story behind the Jean de Luz shops that are so INCREDIBLE!

Not your traditional picture type book, but many ideas on the the use of French pieces along with a historic visit of France. Just one of many unique ideas was to use a "Fireback" as a back splash instead of it's original intent. My freind has one from her mother who lived in France and loved the idea.

The book is a great resource for someone interested in building or renovating to create an authentic "french look". French architectural elements are categorized and many pictures of authentic elements are provided in the book. By using the book as a guide, one can choose authentic looking or actual reclaimed elements widely available as opposed to the garish alternatives on the market that are advertised as "the french look". Kudos to the author !!!

Why take the time to bother reading this book? The pictures are grainy, the writing is atrocious and the time line makes no sense. This guy is a fraud who knows more about ripping off clients than he does about French antiquities. He should consider naming his next book "How to take someone for \$25,000 grand and get away with it".Save your money, save your time and save your sanity.

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