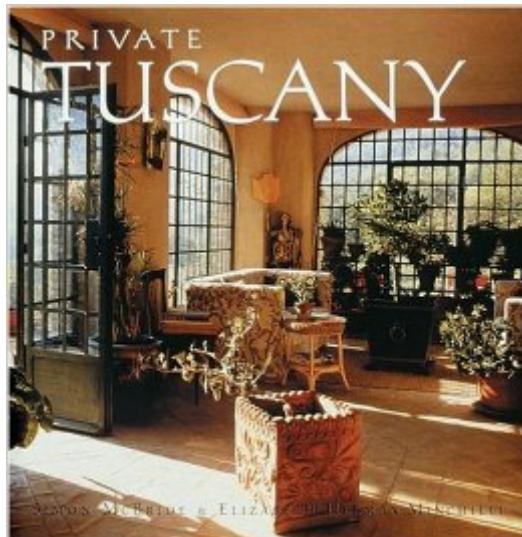


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# Private Tuscany



## **Synopsis**

Tuscany has long exerted a magnetic pull over visitors to this most romantic of Italy's provinces. From Lord Byron and Henry James to contemporary writers, designers, and artists, everyone is charmed by the rolling Tuscan landscape, its magical light, its rich artistic and visual culture, and above all, its highly sensuous way of life. *Private Tuscany* reveals the interior style of some of the area's most charming homes--the pared-down beauty of a film director's farmhouse retreat; the refined elegance of an aristocrat's seventeenth-century palazzo high in the hills; the Gothic mood of a winemaker's medieval fortress; the modern chic of a designer's country house; or the earthy character of an architect's villa, drenched with color and light. Whether it is the ancient terra-cotta floors, gardens fragrant with herbs, or candlelit dinners on outdoor terraces, the spirit of living in Tuscany is alive in these pages in brilliant color.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A beautiful book -- I enjoyed it much more than *Tuscany Interiors* which I also own. The houses range from simple to elaborate and -- of course! -- the landscapes and gardens are gorgeous. This is a great book from which to "lift" Italian decorating ideas.

This book was so lovely. It contains exquisite photos and many, many ideas applicable for my own home. Great decorating ideas. I've shared this book with other people who have been equally inspired by the warm, gracious, elegant living portrayed throughout. Highly recommend this book for

yourself or gift. A lovely way to remember past visits to Italy or inspire a personal visit in the not too distant future.

With this book you can get a good idea of the warm ranges of wall colors that create a Tuscan mood. This book focuses more on color and neutral tones as opposed to some that go for the white tones. The decor shown is generally not over the top and focused on the grandiose villas that are out of reach of most everyone. There are many modest but lovely homes shown and you can pull fabric inspiration and accessory inspiration. I would give the book 3.5 stars due to some of the rooms being a bit sparse in design and lacking in real life things such as television/stereos, etc. That however is typical of most design books.

This was not the book for me because we are building a Tuscan style house and the houses featured in this book are beautiful, but old and refurbished houses in Tuscany. So many of the materials are not available in America, and also there is the comfort issue; while the houses are beautiful and definitely authentic, they might not be so comfortable for today's lifestyle. If you are looking for ideas on a modern Tuscan style house, I definitely recommend Tuscan & Andalusian Reflections. However, if what you want is to see the real, authentic, Tuscan refurbished houses, then this is the book for you. I must say the decoration ideas are great, and the pictures are beautiful. Even though it wasn't what I expected, I don't regret buying it because it definitely transports you to another place and time when you flip through it.

These books are disappointing because they are just picture books with no decorating or design information. The only thing I take away is that I paid next to nothing for the book, which is what it is worth. The pictures are nice, but you can find tons of similar pictures for free using your search engine.

What a surprise when our family spent a week in beautiful Tuscany only to see our "Villa Castelletto" featured in this book! I ended up buying a copy for each of my kids for Christmas so they will forever be able to re-capture the beauty...not only of La Loggia, but also of one of the most amazing places on earth! The people, the food, the wine...the list goes on and on.....

I paid for a new book but was sent an old used book with markings in it and even labeled used on the back cover. I was kind enough to refund my money after I told them of the issue. The book

cannot be judged by its cover either as the inside is not that good in the way of photos. Look elsewhere for a Tuscan book.

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