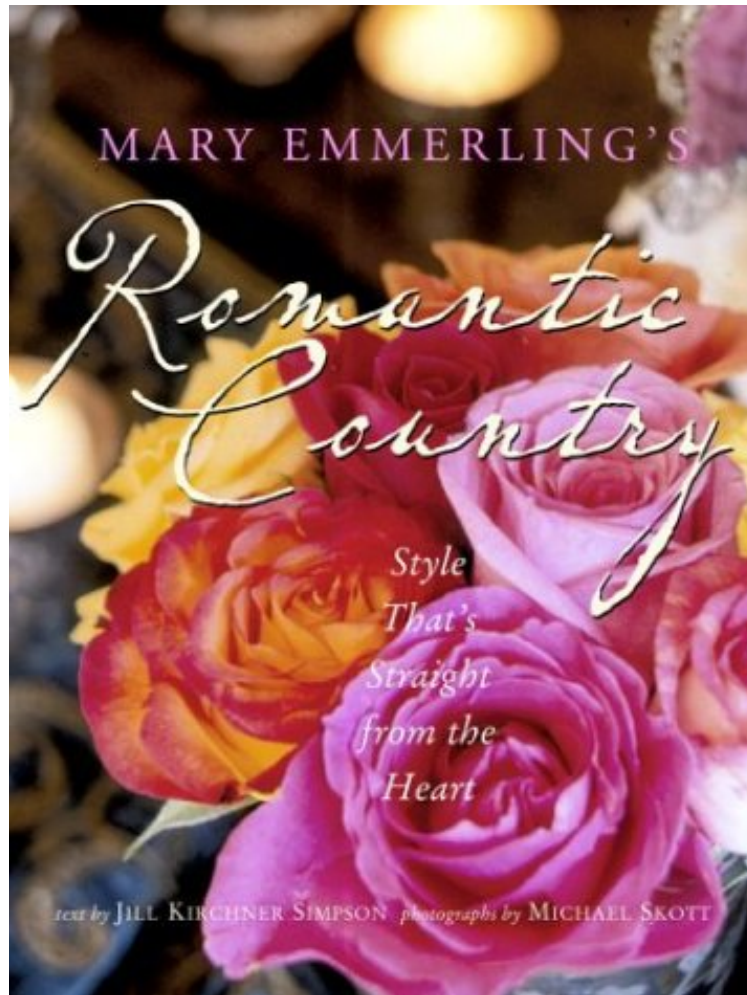


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in the background. The photographs are crisp, clear and stunning. There are many different types of country style offered in this book and I believe there is something to appeal to those with widely differing styles of country decorating tastes. What I found particularly great about the book was that it strays from the traditional view of romantic country with its laces and at times overly frilly and feminine fabrics and accessories towards a widely diverse notion of what is romantic in decorating. It teaches each person to find what is romantic to them from their own life and heritage and to call upon that in finding your own style. Offered are many photos and decorating styles/themes to inspire. Also fun about the book are the many lists of things considered romantic. Better still...make your own list after reading the book! A great overall read to inspire and relax with. Thanks Mary! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A true romantic
By J. Miller
Out of all the books and magazines I've purchased, Mary Emmerling matched what I perceive as "romantic country. Her writings and descriptions of all things romantic throughout her book were "spot on".

Mary Emmerling's approach to American country style has always revealed the heart of a romantic: cozy, inviting interiors brightened with bouquets of vintage florals; all-white bedrooms and pampering baths; the sensual glow of candlelight and the fragrance of Casablanca lilies. Mary's is not a clichéd, conventional take on romance, but a clean, updated take that's inviting to men as well as women, modernists as well as sentimentalists. In Mary Emmerling's *Romantic Country*, she shares her secrets for creating romance where you find it and bringing touches of charm to any setting. From an enchanting cottage in Los Angeles to a young family's bungalow in Tucson, a high-rise in Houston to a tiny shack on Long Island, *Romantic Country* is filled with more than 250 lush photographs that offer an abundance of ideas for making any home more nurturing, pampering, and inviting. The "Romance A to Z" section highlights elements that instantly create intimacy, such as window seats, canopy beds, fireplaces, clawfoot tubs, dressing tables, chaise lounges, ceiling fans, big snuggly sofas, and more. And irresistible lists throughout the book reveal "No-Fail Ingredients for Romance," "A Sound Track for Seduction," and "The Most Romantic Getaways Stateside," as well as the sexiest cars, cocktails, movies, and much more. Mary even shares her own wonderful love story, which inspired this book, as well as a directory of her favorite stores and resources for romantic furnishings and accessories across the country. "In these hard-edged, fast-paced, technology-ruled times, romance is more important than ever," points out Mary Emmerling. Let *Romantic Country* show you the way to create a happier, prettier, more relaxing refuge because, after all, whose life couldn't use a little more romance?

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One of the best-known names in American decorating, MARY EMMERLING is the author of twenty books, many of them part of her *American Country* series. She is creative director of *Country Home* magazine and host of the *Country at Home* series on HGTV. She lives in Des Moines, Iowa; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Phoenix, Arizona.