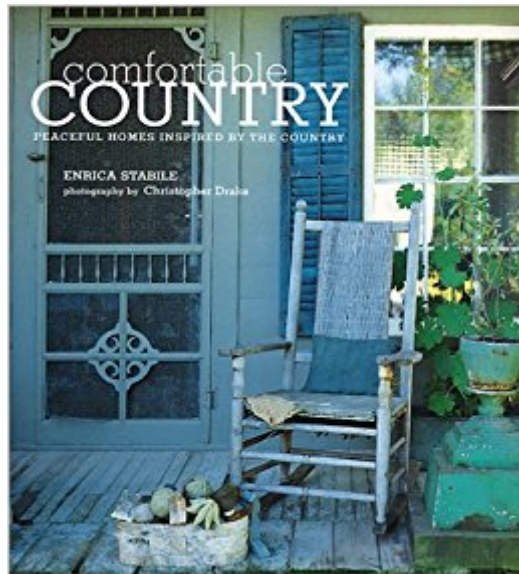




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Comfortable Country: Peaceful Homes Inspired By The Country



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Enrica Stabile's *Comfortable Country* celebrates the special joys of a rural way of life. With Christopher Drake's inspiring photography, here is a great source of decorating ideas that will work wherever you live. Colors are soft and natural, furnishings a beguiling combination of thrift-store finds and treasured family pieces -- the contemporary and antique effortlessly blended.

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Customer Reviews

Enrica Stabile opened her shop *L'Utile e il Dilettevole* in Milan in 1979, combining antiques and interior design in a new way. She has decorated country homes throughout Italy and France, and is the author of *"Open Air Living"* (also Ryland Peters & Small). Christopher Drake was born in South America, brought up in Norway, and now lives in London. He started his career as an in-house photographer's assistant at *Vogue*, then moved into interiors photography. His work is now featured in an international range of magazines, including *Architectural Digest* (Germany), *Victoria Magazine*, *Homes & Gardens*, *World of Interiors*, and *Country Living*. For Ryland Peters & Small he has photographed *Hallways, Corridors, & Staircases* and *Enrica Stabile's Open Air Living* and *Comfortable Country*.

I can see from the rest of the comments that some have gotten a tiny version; I have the one from 2010, first published in 2001 - approx 9"x 9", and the review is based on this edition, paperback. Just get this! It is beautifully captured in photographs really bringing forth the detail of every

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I love this book, though I needed a magnifying glass to read it. Please beware that many Sellers sell the very tiny version of this book. (Most buyers will not know that two versions were issued of this book). Thus, I did not think to check the "SIZE OF THE BOOK" when ordering this decorating book, therefore when it arrived I was shocked to find it was only about 5 inches big. Yieks! It can fit in my wallet!! I think that had I ordered the regular book sized version of this book ,I would have enjoyed it more. Other than the tiny itsy bitsy size of this book, the photos were wonderful and inspiring!

This is the very best decorating and idea book of the year (and in the longest time)! Since I operate my own Country Cottage Decor Store, I hunt for every new book in this category, but none has surprised me more positively than "Comfortable Country". Wonderful journey from page to page;- Imagine the smell of crisp linens and snuggling into poofy, down pillows! You have to look through it over & over and still see new details. The reading part is also very informativ! WOW-Those pictures are true inspiration! Possible to recreate, no matter what size your budget, home and own skills! Hope to see more from this gifted author;- soon!

I was very pleased with this book. It has a lot of ideas and reminded me of my grandparents in some ways. I would recommend.

Cozy book. Farmhouse, country, cottage and prim lovers will enjoy.

Great book

I liked it very much!

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