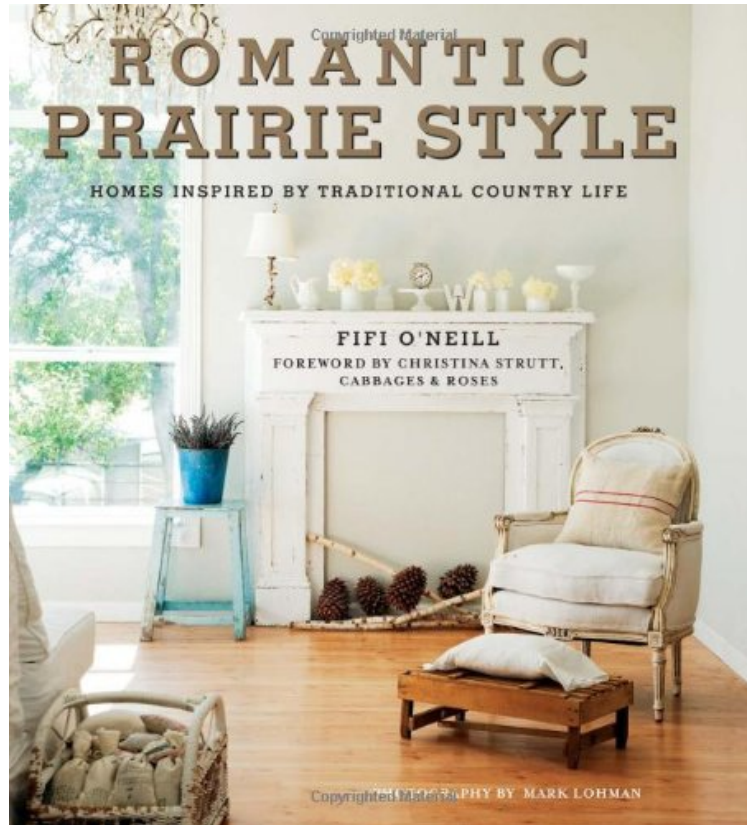


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63 of 65 people found the following review helpful. Pages of EnchantmentBy Tracie of My Petite MaisonRomantic Prairie Style by Fifi O'Neill is breathtakingly beautiful. I pre-ordered this book months ago, it arrived yesterday and I haven't been able to take my eyes away from its loveliness and inspiration from cover to cover.It's enchanting with beautiful photography, text and bits of poetry laced throughout and gives me the feel I'm home. I want to pull up a chair and sit for a long while. I love that it wants and cheers me on to cherish items we have at home, vintage antique items that speak to my very heart and soul. Each home featured is filled with decorating ideas, sentimental history and ease about its beauty from room to room. We're taken not just within homes but gardens, pastures, outdoor living spaces and a magical guest cottage in which not a detail is missed but not over done or over the top. Animal loving hearts (mine included) will adore this book as it shows you can truly have beauty, romance, style and live with animals too. This is not just a decorating book, it's one of lifestyle, which invites us in to embrace life's greatest joys: Life, family, pets, beauty, history, cherished objects and the joy of appreciating them all with warmth, romance and style.24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Oh, My! Oh, My! Finally!By Just Pretty BooksOh, my, a book I can finally wholeheartedly endorse! I loved every page of this book. Usually, I am disappointed in the decorating books I

have ordered. I usually find only 2 or 3 pages that are truly "me" in style and composition. In this book, I found something on every page to draw me in. An artful mix of vintage and antique with enough of the "pretty" thrown in to satisfy my romantic soul. This book is a keeper that I will return to several times today just to savor the photos. Can't wait for the evening to come so I can read more of the text. I am already anxiously awaiting Fifi's next book!

11 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Breathtaking photography
By Sandra Presley-Dorda
I finally ordered this book and it didn't disappoint. Those who love to decorate their homes with a mix of antiques, cherished collections and chippy painted furniture will love this book. The stories that go along with each of the homes is intriguing. If beautifully styled rooms make your heart go pitter-patter, this book will be a treat for your eyes. A gorgeous hard cover book to grace your coffee table. A touch of prairie style can be instilled into any home whether you live in an authentic home on the prairie (most all of the homes in the book are) or a ranch styled home in the suburbs. This book will give you ideas of how you can incorporate a sense of history into your home with your own sense of style to personalize your space. The photography is stunning and the writing is interesting.

Romantic Prairie Style embraces simple pleasures, comfort and the long-cherished ideals of natural beauty, simplicity and harmony with the earth. It's a style that says 'home' wherever you may be because, more than anything else, it's a mindset: gentle but strong, welcoming and lasting, durable yet sophisticated and, above all, real. Over the centuries, the humble dwellings built by European immigrants to the US in the 1880s have evolved into sturdier, more comfortable homes, which, depending on their geographic location, took on a variety of designs, be it a ranch, cabin, farmhouse, cottage or adobe. Each of these styles plays a role in prairie style and its enduring aura of romance and nostalgia. Here interiors bear the influence of European settlers and the poetry of the heart-warming authenticity of simple, natural textures, hand-hewn beams, bleached wood, weathered planks, woven blankets, cow-hide and Navajo rugs. It's a style inspired by the honesty of homespun materials of the past wedded to a flair for the present. It's flower-sprigged brocade, tawny leather, crisp eyelet and soft linen, corduroy with crochet trims, woolen plaids, cosy flannel and wispy organza. It's history retold and all about the enduring connection between people and places and the nostalgia we feel for a rural country life, a yearning for a simpler life, as embodied in Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie.

About the Author
Fifi O'Neill is an editor, writer and photo stylist. She has produced numerous features on home decorating, food and gardening for American and European magazines, such as Coastal Living, Country Living (USA), Casa Romantica, Casa Antichi (Italy) and many more. Though she now lives in Florida and her work takes her from coast to coast and across Europe, her heart belongs to the prairie with its enduring aura of romance and nostalgia.