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Timothy Corrigan : An Invitation to Chateau du Grand-Luc: Decorating a Great French Country House before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Invitation to Chateau du Grand-Luc: Decorating a Great French Country House:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Captures life as if one was thereBy n555rfThis book is structured to capture life as if one was actually visiting the Chateau. These grand homes were always intended as temporary respite from normal life. Even nobility once had a "daily grind".The Chateau has been rebuilt with such a wonderful balance of respect for history in the places where that counts and appreciation for modern comforts in all of the areas where that matters (after all, who needs to sit on a lumpy couch?)Beautiful book, wonderful structure, a great fantasy for all of us!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I Love You, TimothyBy kim blairI own over 50+ books

of this genre (high end design and decor) and this is my new favorite. I fell in love with Timothy a while back and have read all I can about his style and design talents - mostly in Arch Digest but also he stars in a number of You-Tube videos, including several on the Chateau. But this volume is the icing on the cake. Gorgeously photographed. I can't quite follow the premise of pretending you're a weekend guest and going through day by day. But, I'm more interested in the photographs anyway. Can't stress enough that it does not matter that you (I) don't have a Chateau. Timothy's designs are an inspiration to anyone who cares about design and decor and you really can (if you care enough) translate something from just about every room he does to your own projects. Beauty is beauty after all. And it doesn't hurt that (from the you-tube videos) he truly seems like a super nice guy with a surprising lack of pretense or snobbery. Would LOVE to spend a few days with him but I guess curled up with this beautiful publication and a glass of wine will have to suffice. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Reviving a National Treasure By Richard C. Mock The book is downright gorgeous. It's fascinating - and very impressive - that one person can take what was a decaying national treasure and turn it around to be, not a museum, but what looks like a comfortable retreat. And the creativity - and the downright good taste - say a lot about Tim Corrigan as a designer. Too often, designers will take a building like this and either turn it into a museum with a total period redo or else try to make it something it's not, with stark modern furniture, art, lighting and window treatments that just don't fit the space. Instead he has made it look comfortable and inviting, mixing period pieces and art with contemporary seating. My only quibble with the book - and it's a small one - is that including floor plans would have made the book even more interesting and would have given the rooms a bit more context.

Award-winning interior designer Timothy Corrigan provides inspiration and instruction in the art of French decoration and living with the story of his stunningly restored French chateau. Who hasn't dreamed of an idyll in the French countryside, in a handsome historic house surrounded by fragrant gardens and lush orchards, filled with pretty rooms for entertaining friends? Welcome to Chateau du Grand-Luc, designer Timothy Corrigan's home in the Loire Valley. Corrigan purchased the chateau in 2004 and set about restoring the house to its full French glory with his signature mix of continental elegance and California comfort. The book travels from the striking entry hall to the elegant bedrooms, as Corrigan offers indispensable decorating advice based on his experiences, including how to live in historic homes in a modern way. A celebration of the gracious symmetry of French classical decoration and architecture amid the pastoral beauty of the French countryside, *An Invitation to Chateau du Grand-Luc* is the perfect gift for all Francophiles.

"The American designer acquired a storied French country estate in the Loire Valley and decorated it to the nines, leaving out only the snobbery. It's a lovely story by someone living and sharing his dream." -The New York Times "I picked up the gorgeous monograph, *An Invitation to Chateau du Grand-Luc: Decorating a Great French Country House* (Rizzoli) by Timothy Corrigan this past weekend, and it is filled to the brim with style inspiration. - Martha Stewart Weddings "The brilliance of this book is that it is gorgeous. Francophiles will swoon. It's a magnificent achievement." -Diane Dorrans Saeks "Hold the phones. Clear the calendar. Our readers have to see this." - Camillestyles.com "Corrigan's book goes into detail without sacrificing intriguing candor. This history, coupled with capital-M-majestic interiors photos, mean it's really no surprise that the country manse has become a darling for national design magazines since the book's release last fall." -Curbed.com "After purchasing a dilapidated 18th-century chateau, Timothy Corrigan painstakingly restored it to its former glory, transforming it into an exquisitely aristocratic, exceptionally livable home away from home. This volume documents the renovation process, leaving you feeling as though you've spent a perfect weekend at the grand estate. -Architectural Digest "A soulful tribute to the 18th-century Loire Valley chateau -Veranda "A triumph of warmth and beauty." -Deborah Needleman, editor-in-chief, T Magazine "Chateau du Grand-Luc is a celebration of the gracious symmetry of French classical decoration and architecture amid the pastoral beauty of the French countryside of Loire Valley. The stories and pictures...would definitely be a source of inspiration, and a resource on the art of French decoration and living. The book will take the reader from the striking entry hall to the elegant bedrooms, as Corrigan offers indispensable decorating advice based on his experiences, including how to live in historic homes in a modern way." -Sophisticated Planks "Equal parts fantasy and yet completely down to earth." -Susanna Salk, author *Privileged Life* "Corrigan chose to lay this book out in an unusual way: he broke it out into parts as though you were staying at the esteemed estate for a long weekend. This engaging presentation paired with the rich photography make *An Invitation* a book you'll try to devour in one sitting. Photos are composed so cleverly that you on some pages feel transported right into the massive French estate. Stunning! -Life in a Venti Cup...excited for this book I hope I can learn a few pointers from his amazing restoration project. -Habitually Chic Blog "For anyone who has ever dreamed of having a home in France, however humble or grand, this gloriously illustrated history...makes fascinating and inspiring reading. The outcome is simply stunning. The pure genius of the decorative scheme makes you feel as if it has been there forever, and after reading the book, one can only wish that the invitation was a real one. -Decorex "About the Author Hailed by Architectural Digest as "today's tastemaker," Timothy Corrigan's work is regularly featured in Elle Decor, House Beautiful, Vanity Fair, and other

publications. Named to the AD100 list for the past eight years, Corrigan has offices in Paris and L.A. as well as an eponymous home product line, and a store in Los Angeles.