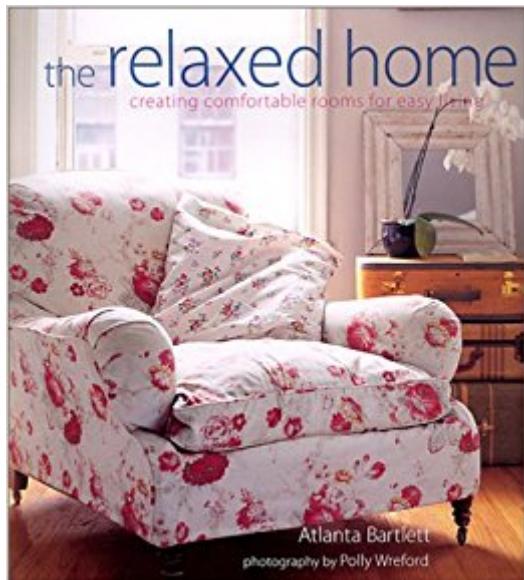


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# The Relaxed Home



## **Synopsis**

Atlanta Bartlett shows you how to create a relaxed ambience in every room in your home. Relaxed Simplicity is a softened, pared-down look; Relaxed Romantic gives pretty floral fabrics a fresh new feel. Those who crave the unashamedly sensual will love Relaxed Sensuality, while glamour aficionados will love Relaxed Elegance. And if you can't stop collecting, Relaxed Eclectic will show you how your treasures can look truly chic.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Atlanta Bartlett is a leading stylist who has contributed to a number of publications including "Red", "Harpers & Queen", "Homes & Gardens", and "Marie Claire". Her clients include Harrods, Habitat, and Laura Ashley.

Beautifully illustrated book with great design inspiration

This book was much smaller than I had expected. I still use it as intended though, as bathroom decor and reading. It looks nice there even though it was much smaller than expected.

Disappointing to find that I already had this book which was first published 2000 as THE COMFORTS OF HOME. Very disappointing when publishers change the title and publish the book again. I like the contents--subtitle: Creating Relaxed Rooms with a Romantic Feel. Very nice with

lots of photographs.

If you already own "The Comforts of Home" by Atlanta Bartlett, don't buy this book - because it's the same book!! I can't imagine why they would change the title, but the two books are identical.

I just bought this book yesterday, after thumbing through all the pages at the bookstore. I can see why the previous readers were disappointed with the book; this book doesn't contain much information or tips that you don't already know. But the reason I bought this book, is because the photos were so lovely and "relaxed". I loved all the colors and palettes that were used. For me it was a really "tasteful" book, a style reference if you like. I think this book should be enjoyed more as a photography book, rather than a serious interior decorating project workbook. I personally appreciated the lightness in approach to home decoration. I also liked the keywords "relaxed comfortable", "relaxed eclectic" and "relaxed elegant" and so on. I'm a 20 something art director, so I appreciated the prettiness and fresh colors used throughout the book, but I don't think I'd have bought this book if I were in my 30s. The author suggests little things like hanging your floral print dress that you love on the wall for decorative effect, or placing a bunch of candles in the fireplace that is not used, and using decorative fabric to inject unique personalities in your room. As you can see, all of these are things anyone can do, but I just liked the way she presented these in such a pleasing visual presentation. I also loved her use of modern and old furniture (although sometimes a bit too shabby), together with ethnic prints - for me it is like East meets West in the most pleasing way possible. I can't say this book is for everyone, but this book is what it is, and I happen to love it just as it is. I'm giving it 4 stars because I think this book would have benefited from a few quotations here and there to go with the photographs. I would like to thank the author for putting this book together; I want to bring some of that relaxed, comfortable, yet fresh feeling into my little home, and also into my wardrobe! Reading this book, I feel inspired to dress in this "relaxed, comfortable" way too.

I was disappointed. Interiors like these are for the most part unliveable, both because they are very limited in elements (60's or industrial, and some ethnics and florals) and unpractical. They also seem very contrived. No children in these rooms, please. And no pets either. For all the "relaxed" motto, I rather think these interiors would take more to upkeep than more traditional ones.

If you are looking for accessorizing inspiration, this is good little book. I bought it mainly for the

photographs and drew information by noticing color combinations and decorative object placement. As with any decorating book, some ideas will please and some won't. The photographs are calming which is the point of the "Relaxed Home."

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