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From the Inside Flap In the discriminating world of interior design, France and Italy have forever commanded respect, setting standards of excellence with their fine furniture, regal array of textiles, delicate porcelains, stunning crystal and embroidered linens. Bringing a bit of French and Italian style to our stateside chateaux, ville or palazzi—however humble or grand—is all a matter of understanding the European mind-set for creating artful, elegant interiors with an aura of romance and glamour. Betty Lou Phillips leads a Grand Tour, acquainting us with a classic approach to design—guided by intelligence, awareness and panache—while sharing social customs that make for inviting homes and gracious living. Furnishings collected over several lifetimes, thoughtfully handed down, mixed with treasures gathered both at home and abroad lay the foundation for a look of one's own making, reflecting one's personality, priorities and the times. Here, then, more than two hundred photographs and ample text offer recipes for *la dolce vita*, the sweet life. Betty Lou Phillips is the author of award-winning *Villa Dea*, *cor*, plus *French Impressions* and *Inspirations from France Italy*. Her eleventh book, *The Allure of French Italian Dea*, *cor*, joins *The French Room*, *The French Connection*, *Secrets of French Design*, *Unmistakably French*, *French Influences*, *French by Design* and *Provencel*; *al Interiors: French Country Style in America*. A professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers with projects from New York to California, her work has been featured in *Veranda*, *House Beautiful*, *Traditional Home*, *Southern Accents* and countless other magazines. Additionally, she has appeared on the Christopher Lowell Show and the Oprah Winfrey Show. She lives in Dallas, Texas. About the Author Award-winning designer and best-selling author, Betty Lou Phillips is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers. With projects from New York to California, her work has been featured in countless magazines, as well as in her numerous home design books on French and Italian style. *Interiors by Design*—her 13th design book—is the ultimate guide to home *dea*, *cor*. Additionally, she has appeared on the Christopher Lowell Show and the Oprah Winfrey Show. She lives in Dallas, Texas. Betty Lou Phillips is the author of *Emily Goes Wild!*, an illustrated children's book, and co-author of *The Night Before Christmas in Paris*. Later this year Gibbs Smith Publisher will release her *Night Before Christmas in New York* and *Night Before Christmas in Texas*. Excerpt. copy; Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. For centuries, as we all know, France and Italy have fueled the creativity of aspiring artists, musicians, writers and intellectuals, initially from across Europe then in waves from across the seas. These countries have long been the go-to spots for fashionistas, serious foodies and design mavens as well. Economic uncertainty notwithstanding, the Republic of France still sets the standard for show-stopping couture, sumptuous dining and inimitable visual arts. Indeed, to this day, the land that produces the world's choicest Champagne, cheese and chocolat—not to mention haute fashion by Chanel, Hermès, Louis Vuitton and Lanvin—shows no sign of loosening her treasured chic grip on the planet's tastemakers.