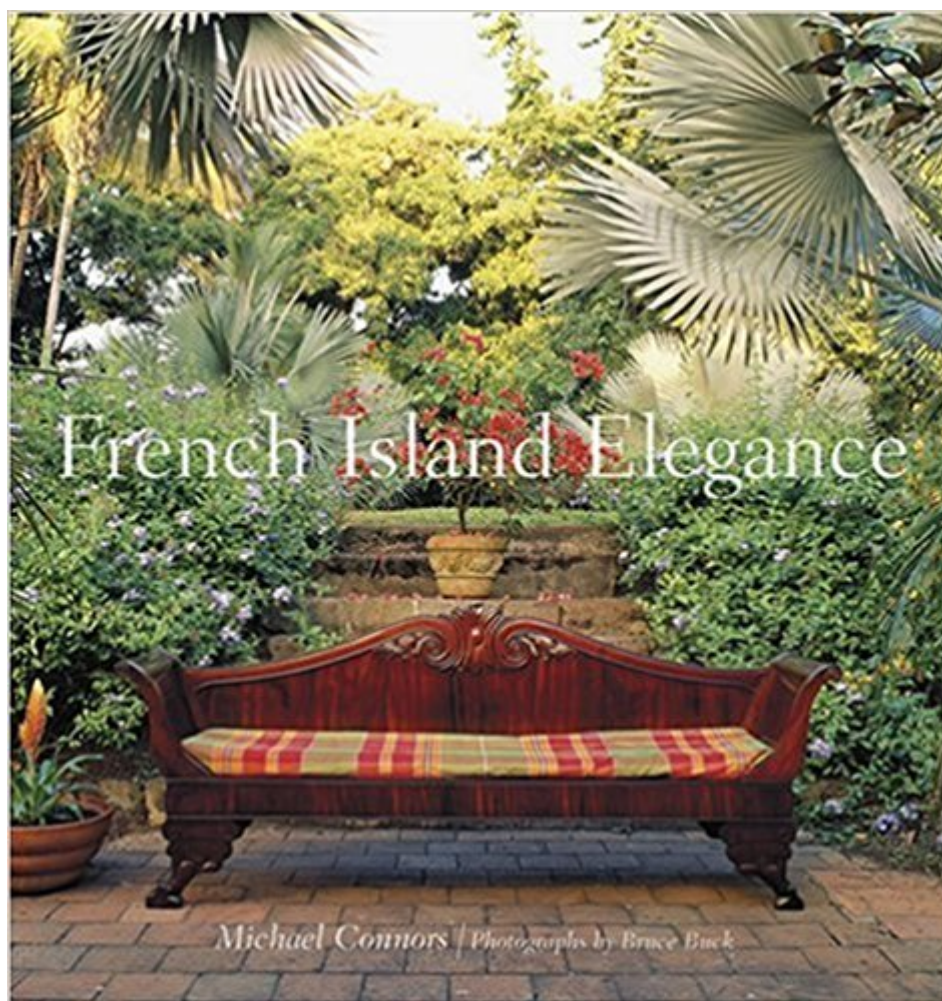


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# French Island Elegance



## Synopsis

They are the jewels of the Caribbean, gorgeous prisms through which we see reflected the opulent world of the French Creole aristocracy. The French-speaking islands of Martinique, Guadeloupe, Marie-Galante, and Saint Martin come alive as never before in the pages of *French Island Elegance*, a lavishly illustrated look at one of the most intriguing and beautiful parts of the world. More than 160 color photographs taken especially for this book give readers a privileged glimpse inside a world rarely seen by most visitors—the palatial, elegantly furnished homes of the islands' affluent sugar, cotton, and tobacco barons, both historical and contemporary. An authoritative text sheds light on the area's rich social, architectural, and interior design history—a vital past that still influences French Island taste and cultural life to this day.

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Since I have a lot of dark mahogany furniture, this book gave me a lot of ideas of how to turn a Florida home into a Caribbean getaway copy. It's a work in progress but the book taught me that

less is more in order to achieve that effect.

very disappointing. bought this book on the strength of the rave reviews on this author. no, this book is like a furniture catalog. all fluff, furniture pictures that one can find on the internet. The book does not offer any context on how the houses are unique nor does it offer any insight on how the houses are a reflection of the French islands or French colonialism. in fact, in many pictures the furniture is exactly the same which means it is staged inside the house and not original to the house. will not buy any more book by the author.

The book came up in a search on British Colonialism. Bought the book to learn more about these tropical islands, and decor. The author has thoroughly researched this subject and done an excellent job of portraying his topic in words and photographs. Enjoyed the book very much.

Transaction: Very smooth. Book arrived immediately. Next to no wait time. In EXCELLENT condition. One would never know the pages have been turned. Very pleased. Would highly recommend. The Book: Love, Love, Love it! French Island Elegance and style are captured beautifully in the photographs. Scenery is breath taking. Makes me wonder why I am sitting HERE and not THERE! I feel inspired. Time to bring a bit of island style to my space. Thank you

Beautiful book. Loved the photographs of the island decor!

I love this style of decorating and was pleased with the book. Plan to try to duplicate some of the looks in my SW Florida home.

Beautiful photos and interesting history about the islands and the occupation of the English. Very educational and a good source for interior design ideas.

Michael Conners does a good job and the photographs by Bruce Buck are stunning. This is a book on the interiors of the Great Houses of the French Caribbean.

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