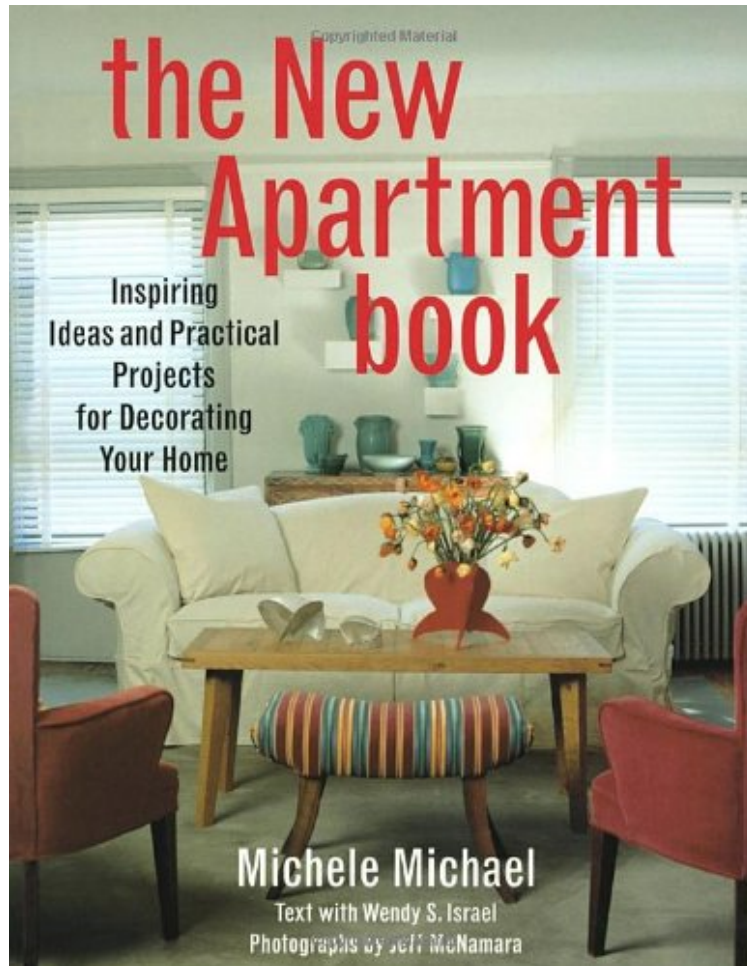


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**Michele Michael : The New Apartment Book: Inspiring Ideas and Practical Projects for Decorating Your Home** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Apartment Book: Inspiring Ideas and Practical Projects for Decorating Your Home:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable and inspiring to leaf through By Tsippi I've owned this book for ten years. From time to time, I pull it out and look at the pictures. I love to see that there is no "right" way to decorate. Michael mixes styles, repaints old items, devises interesting ways to hide storage under table cloths, and just generally has fun putting personality into apartments. I would say the decorator's preferred style is traditional with dashes -- depending on the client's taste -- of English cottage, mid-century modern, or esoteric bachelor paddism, if that is a style. If you are an Ikea-all-the-way person, you may not like the antiques and mixed styles in this book. Most of the featured apartments are in pre-1960 NYC buildings, so they have architectural interest that new apartments

across the country are missing. Notably, none of the apartments have wall-to-wall carpeting. In my experience, working around rental carpeting is actually harder than the boring white walls. Also, as other reviewers have noted, some of the featured apartments are not only not rental units, they are multi-million dollar showpieces. That said, if you're a renter, when you find a room in the book you like, ask yourself "what do I like about this space?" Perhaps you can't paint your living room chartreuse or upholster your sofa in leopard skin fabric, but you can pin chartreuse fabric to a wall or find a cool leopard print throw. This book gives you permission to do that.<sup>3</sup> of 4 people found the following review helpful. Minimizes the limitations of apartment living  
By Kcorn  
A major challenge for those living in apartments is getting around the restrictions of landlords- limits on what can be hung, altered, repainted, etc. This book addresses all those problems and shows apartment dwellers how to make the most of their space while creating a unique, livable (and often downright cozy) home for themselves- even if it is a rented or temporary space. I bought this one as a gift for a college graduate moving to his own apartment but I'm having trouble parting with it, even though I'm a homeowner, not a renter. The ideas run the gamut, from traditional to contemporary.<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. ....like having dessert  
By Deborah Tolland  
I have bought a couple of these books and given them to friends who are getting their first apartment. Then I had to buy another one to keep for myself. I love the pictures and the ideas that the author discusses. It is a book I go back to time and time again when I feel like a decorating failure :) For me, it is like a wonderful dessert at the end of the day....

From an enlightening discussion on such basic principles as function, style, and color to a straightforward look at issues of budget and time, Michael covers all the essentials of creating a dream apartment easily and affordably. A winning blend of creative inspiration and practical guidance, *The New Apartment Book* provides "tricks of the trade" that new home decorators need. Full-color photos.

.com There comes a time for most young urban dwellers when they tire of futons on the floor and brick-and-board bookshelves. That's when they discover that decorating an apartment comes with a unique set of problems. Most people don't want to spend a lot of money renovating a place they may live in for just a year or two, and landlords can be picky about renovations such as enlarging rooms by knocking down walls. *The New Apartment Book* illustrates how to create a stylish home in limited space on a middle-class budget, whether your preferred look is upscale-funky or clean and spare. Though many of the examples feature light, roomy, well-proportioned apartments, many are also designed around elements that one might consider a problem: a tiny kitchen, a bathroom with no storage, an odd brick wall, or a single living/sleeping area. Treat these as interesting design features and use the space creatively, as this book does, and bingo! No more problem. The "smart tips" scattered throughout are easy and fast. Although there are a few rather dull step-by-step projects for lampshades and the like at the end of the book, *The New Apartment Book* really shines as an inspiring guide to the possibilities of an average apartment or condominium.  
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Space-saving and self-expression drive *The New Apartment Book: Inspiring Ideas and Practical Projects for Decorating Your Home* by Michele Michael, former home editor for *Family Circle* magazine, with Wendy Israel. Chapters examine the process by room (including studio living) and include a few unnecessary suggestions for do-it-yourself projects, such as painting lampshades. More than 250 color photos and some valuable tips, such as buying the best sofa that one can afford, make this a handsome guide especially good for those setting up their first nest.  
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