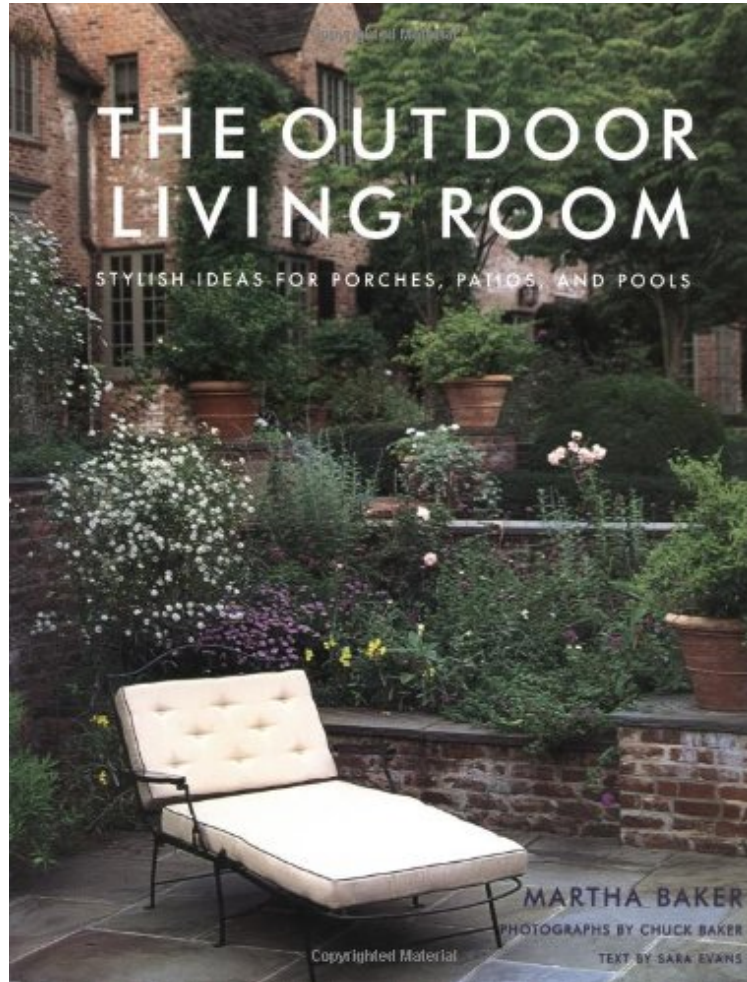


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.com There are countless books about lifestyles that are inaccessible, either because they are engulfed by abstract ideas or are set in palaces, real or imagined. *The Outdoor Living Room: Stylish Ideas for Porches, Patios, and Pools* is a rare exception: gorgeous photographs of beautiful outdoor spaces that are accessible, or at least seem to be. Split up into sections that can appeal to anyone—"Modern," "Classic," "In Town," "Romantic," or "Whimsical"—this book can move even the most hardened city dweller, or bring dreamers out of their country homes. The book has a distinct magazine-like flavor, but the rigor of the photographic summation of elements in each section offsets this. The text is uninspiring, usually describing the photographs or making vague generalizations, but no matter, because the photographs are what this book is all about. They are beautiful and plentiful, whetting the appetite for sunny days in our own "outdoor living rooms." --Juliette Cezzar

From the Inside Flap

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Martha Baker is a landscape designer, and she and her gardens have been featured in magazines such as *Martha Stewart Living*, *Garden Design*, *Elle*, and *House Garden*, and on television segments for the E! channel and the *Martha Stewart* television show. She is also the author of *Garden Ornaments*. She and her husband, Chuck Baker, have done extensive magazine work in fashion and design for *New York* magazine, the *New York Times*, and *House Beautiful*. In addition, Martha lectures frequently on garden style across the country.