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are delightfully unfussy, instead warm and inviting--the polished wood gleams, the Persian carpets glow with faded splendor, and the view from the white wicker-furnished veranda goes on for miles. The text explains how the Victorian era fostered several style reforms: the midcentury Gothic and rococo revivals, the aesthetic movement of the 1880s, and Art Nouveau. There's plenty of interesting reading here for a social-history buff, lots of interiors to delivately swoon over (such as the dining room with "Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday but never jam today" stenciled on the walls), and a large section of tips for adding Victorian style to a modern home without compromising its integrity. From Library Journal This beautifully illustrated book shows how to achieve a Victorian look, whether decorating in an overall high style or just adding period touches to a modern decor. Plante (*Kitchen Collectables: An Illustrated Price Guide*, Chilton, 1991) begins with an overview of the various decorating styles that make up the era, then room by room gives a history, describes appropriate furnishings, and includes quotes from period style sources such as Godey's *Lady's Book*. The style chronology, helpful for those unfamiliar with Victoriana, and the resource guide of primarily U.S. suppliers make this an excellent purchase as Victorian style continues in popularity. Gayle A. Williamson, *Fashion Inst. of Design Merchandising*, Los Angeles Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.