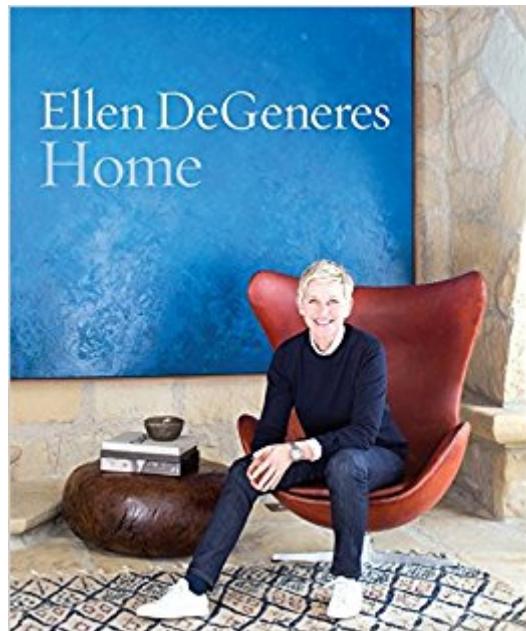


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# Home



## **Synopsis**

Ellen DeGeneres has bought and renovated nearly a dozen homes over the last twenty-five years, and describes her real-estate and decorating adventures as "an education." She has long cared deeply about design: "I think I wanted to be an interior designer when I was thirteen." This deluxe edition of *Home* is printed on extremely high quality paper, printed on a sheet-fed press, and bound in a real cloth covered case with a tipped in photo of Ellen DeGeneres' living room featuring her Picasso. In *Home*, DeGeneres will, for the first time, share her passion for home design and style. She believes, "You don't have to have money to have good taste," and she is eager to share what she has learned over the years. DeGeneres offers a personal look at every room in each of her homes. Included are seven of her homes past and present, from the famous "Brody House" up to her current homes, and she offers tips and advice on what each house taught her. An added bonus is a look at the homes of her friends and collaborators-some of the finest designers in the country. They share their advice on home design, furnishings, as well as a glimpse at their awe-inspiring rooms. Full of beautiful photographs, this book is a treasure trove of amazing California architecture, unique home furnishings, breathtaking art, and hundreds of ideas on putting together the home you've always dreamed of.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ellen DeGeneres is a beloved stand-up comedian, television host, bestselling author, and Emmy-winning actress. She hosts the syndicated talk show *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and is the

Executive Producer of Ellen's Design Challenge. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller Seriously...I'm Kidding, published by Grand Central.

I rarely write reviews of books, but had to say a few words about this one: Definitely one of my favorite design books. The photographs are nothing short of spectacular and you can get lost in Ellen's rooms. The resource guide at the end is pretty nifty too.

This book is a compilation of 7 houses that Ellen purchased/lived in/decorated over the course of a number of years. There are also chapters devoted to individuals who she worked with on these houses -- i.e., store owners, decorators, etc. The book is printed on good quality paper and there are lots of photos of full rooms. Photos are done very well and I like that they are either full or half room photos. I personally dislike design books that show things on a table, or a corner of a window, etc. and this book doesn't do that. For every chapter on each home, Ellen gives some background about who the architect or builder was, who owned it previously, and how she came about buying it. Added to that in the narrative, she gives information on how the interior design came about. Also, at the end of each of those chapters, there is a page where she gives interesting recommendations on how she did approach the design. She seems very knowledgeable about design and has a keen eye for what she likes. I went through a lot of envy in seeing the photos -- not from the mid-century style aspect, but the size of the homes she's had. The reason I only gave my review 3 stars is because ALL of these homes are done in mid-century style with a very, very slight nod to rustic elements and couple of pieces leaning towards antique-y decor. Had I seen this book in a book store, I would not have purchased it. Personally, I am NOT a fan of mid-century design. If you are a fan of mid-century decor, then this is the book for you. If you are a fan of design books that offer diversity showing all types of styles, then save your money.

Beautiful table book. Everyone wants to look at it.

Ellen has chosen many interesting real estate prospects that each have had their own distinctive features. Showing each of them redone with a collected group of specialty pieces that have been used in each home gives people the opportunity to recreate their personal spaces, and reuse their furniture in fresh, new ways. Very tastefully done. Also enjoyed the perspective of her guest decorator collaborators.

My husband loves his pre father's day gift.

I loved this. It totally inspired me. My favorite.

Very great gift for someone that loves to decorate

I love Ellen's show. She is warm and funny and a great humanitarian so I guess I expected that from the book about her homes. If I were a person interested in antiques I'm sure I would have liked it better, but the book fell short for me. The houses did not look lived in. The designs were harsh and cold, all stone and tile, very little warm wood colors. Perhaps it is the style for California and the desert. I was raised in the Pacific Northwest and like more color and warmth in my home. I can see by reading the other reviews that my opinion is not shared. Also, none of the chairs looked comfortable enough for me, a person who loves to cuddle up with a good book. That may be silly to most, but that is what like.

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