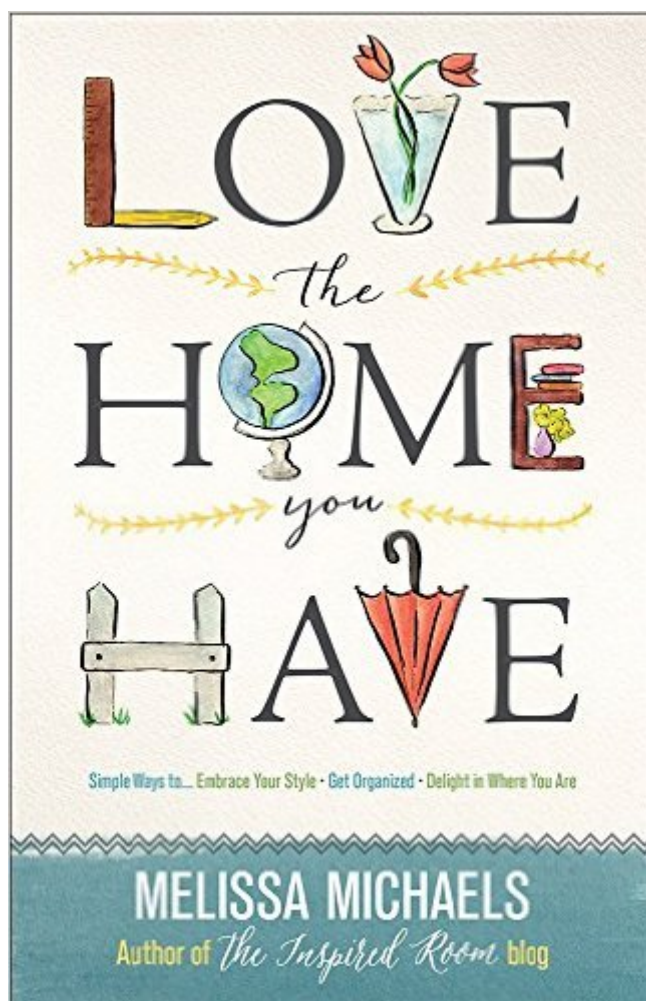


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# Love The Home You Have: Simple Ways To...Embrace Your Style \*Get Organized \*Delight In Where You Are



## Synopsis

What if the house of your dreams is the home you have? Meet Melissa Michaels, creator of the popular blog The Inspired Room and the best contentment coach you'll ever meet. With humor and candor Melissa reveals how to transform your rooms (and your life) from plainly livable to fabulously lovable. Like a perfectly overstuffed chair, Melissa's encouragement beckons you to get comfortable and then get creative as you: find beauty in the ordinary discover your style and let it shine with simple ideas entertain possibilities and people with more gratitude and joy gather inspiration in the 31-day Love Your Home Challenge leap from dreamer to doer with confidence Much more than décor! This is your invitation to fall in love with the home you have and embrace the gifts of life, people, and blessings right where you are.

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It's as if this book has been able to reach into my heart and express what I've always loved about my home but didn't know I loved! As an Interior Designer I know how much our homes and surroundings effect us and I've found that being happy where you live can change so many aspects of our lives. This book is a must read for anyone who is struggling with their home or wishing they had something more. You'll come away feeling so grateful for the life your home has provided you even if it's not picture perfect.

If you are stressing out about how your home looks and feels and want to make it the best it can be,

then *Love the Home You Have* is the book for you. It doesn't matter if you live in a tiny basement apartment or a grand 5,000 foot home. The ideas and tips that Melissa shares can be done by anyone, in any decorating style, and even on the tiniest of budgets. This book is more about ways of finding your decorating style and putting it into your home. With Melissa as your guide you will be inspired to make decorative and livable changes in your home that are right for you and your family that in turn will make your home shine, even with its shortcomings. As you read, you will be finding yourself dog earring nearly every page. I loved the chatty tone of the book. I felt like I was Melissa's best bud as I read. Which also made me think of all my friends who would enjoy reading it, too. A perfect gift for all style and home loving moms this Mother's Day.

This book is what all overwhelmed moms need - confirmation that they can find Joy in the small things not matter the size of their home, or the amount of stuff we have (or do not have). I love that Melissa has taken the time to help the reader connect with her message, by asking questions and truly giving "action steps" to going through the material. It is a lovely read, but even more effective as a tool to make change. As moms, we are constantly bombarded with images of perfect homes, uncluttered coffee tables, and a perception that if we aren't providing that for our family - we are failing. I love the fresh perspective given, that our homes can be places filled with stuff that we enjoy and it doesn't need to be perfect - but just perfect to us! Grab your copy and settle down with a cup of coffee and enjoy the words that will fill your soul with a new love for your home! Perfect gift for a girlfriend!

After reading this book, I've felt an overwhelming sense of contentment and joy in my home. Melissa really has a way with her words that really changes the way you think and leaves you with inspiration (true tips to put into place!) to make it a lasting feeling!

Melissa's book is a refreshing way to look at the home that you are currently in. If you're anything like me, you may find it easier to look ahead to a "sometime in the future" home that will be "perfect"--but in reality, you'll be much happier learning to love what you've got! This book gives you some tools to do just that--very helpful and a great perspective!

I am so glad that the library had this book. It sounded interesting, but what a disappointment. The author goes all over the place, literally and figuratively. What a turn-off to read about bad smells from rats and mice and rotting carpets in the author's "castle." What a mishmash of personal

information, wisecracks, and fuzzy philosophizing is mixed in with the lists and mundane information on the presumed topic. The author presents herself and her husband as incompetent DIYers, who are fortunately helped by their children, her mother, her sister, friends, etc. What a downer to learn that money was tight and renovating the wrecked "castle" such a priority that the author's 16-year-old daughter was given a gift-wrapped toilet seat as a present for her 16th birthday. (I'm impressed the receiver of this "gift" didn't decide to look for a new home to love.) And how does reading about the family's periodic loss of income and inability to pay the household bills help us to love our own homes? Including these economic crises serves as page-filler for this unappealing book. Then there's the fact that the author--who is advising you to love the home you have--has gone through five houses before arriving at the sixth one, where she has lived for about six years. In addition, the author's cutesy remarks become grating, as do her parenthetical insertions of "Ahem" after some of her statements. This verbal idiosyncrasy reminds me of throat-clearing in real life. Ewww. The author does not focus on "Loving the Home You Have." (Ahem.) There are much better and more positive books on this topic, including those by several authors Melissa Michaels mentions: Marla Cilley, known as FlyLady; Alexandra Stoddard; and "Side-Track Home Executives" Pam Smith and Peggy Jones. (Who knew?)

This book speaks not only to the well organized mom who wants to create a beautiful and lovely home, but to the dis-organized, stressed, often over-whelmed mom (me) who just needs some reassurance about what a home truly is. Melissa has a passion for life and beauty that translates into one of the best (and most needed) books I have read in a long time. Well done!

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