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From Collins : "House and Garden" Book of Romantic Rooms before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised "House and Garden" Book of Romantic Rooms:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. English House and Garden in the 1980's - The Great Chronicle of English StyleBy GPThe English can draw on a 1000 years of empire and scholarship when it comes to interior design. Its unequallyed legacy of estate houses, its wealthiest citiizens penchant for collecting, as well as the influence of generations of Grand Tours and tourists, all come together in the English interior.Magazine audiences change, as well as editor's tastes, and so too the need to continue to refresh and deliver new ideas.What English House and Garden however, did in the 1980s and 1990's, was chronicle the results of refined English tastemakers, in a series of hard cover volumes, drawing from material from their magazines.To my eye, decades now later, these interiors still resonate and reflect the sophisticated eye and cultivation of their creators and or patrons. Having them collected in hardcover means that their legacy will survive my increasingly ragged collection of magazines from the same era.These are interiors with soul, that show the stamp of humanity and human creativity at every step.In a world where interior magazines today are filled over and over again with empty pastiches of the leftovers of modernism, or alternatively just plain empty, without rarely a single personal motif in sight, these volumes speak of a period when modern interior design reached its published zenith in England.The only other international magazine that reached the same heights, and did so in cronichling New York Interiors at around the same time, was Architectural Digest.There are several books in this series. They are all of the same high standard.

