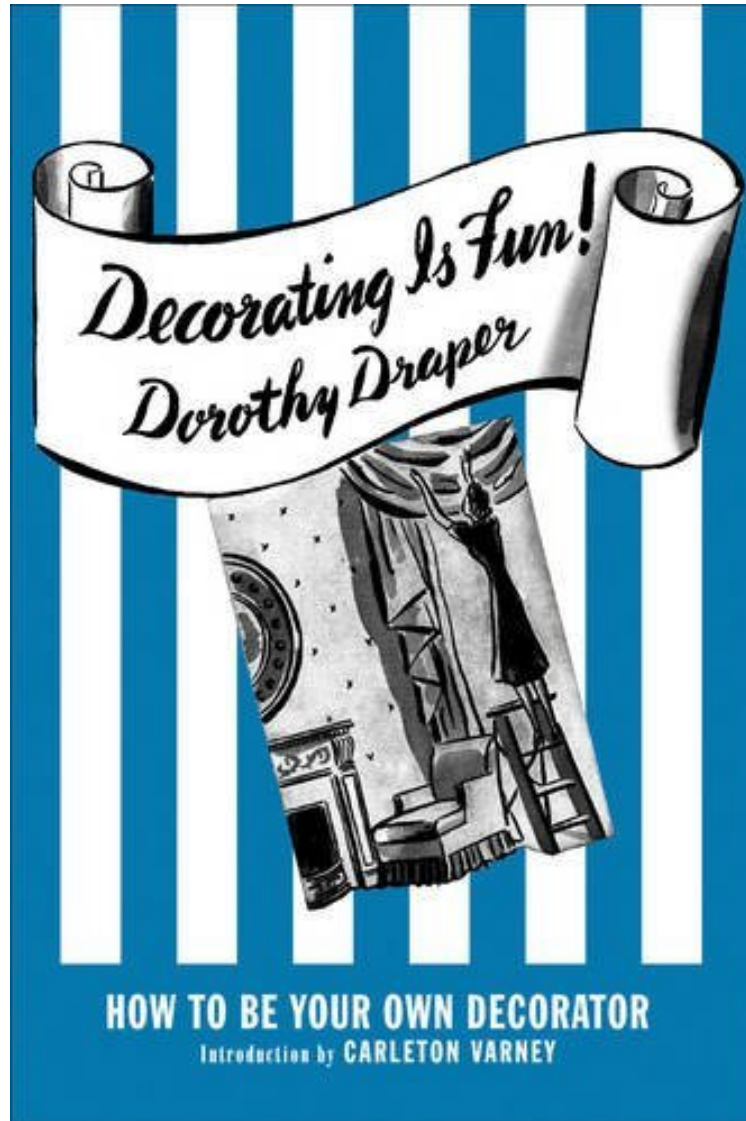


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great for those of us who need some good and simple ideas, and want to offer a taste of the classic to our home!
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By B.E. I'm really pleased with this book. I was glad to see that this new edition with its boldly striped cover is true to Draper's flamboyant style, which I've always loved. In terms of content, Draper's advice and drawings are practical and helpful, if dated. The book is definitely a product of its time. I found some of the advice to be startlingly basic, but also got some good ideas from it, particularly with regard to color schemes and fabric choices. Fans of Draper and of vintage domestic advice books will love the book, and since these are the reasons I bought it, I found the practicable ideas a bonus.
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By Christopher Barlow
Must read for a look back at real life decorating... and life in the 50's

A beautiful reproduction of the original book published in 1939 Filled with tips, advice and anecdotes on decorating that still ring true today A must-have for fans and followers of both Dorothy Draper and Carleton Varney After being out of print for many years, *Decorating is Fun* is being republished with its original illustrations and a new introduction by Draper's protégé, designer Carleton Varney. Amazingly, the book is still practical, amusing and inspirational. Draper's earnest enthusiasm feels fresh and contemporary. She believed that though there were troubles in the world, one's home should be a refuge, a cheerful place for entertaining one's friends and a colorful and comfortable shelter from the storm.

About the Author
In her heyday, Dorothy Draper (1889-1969) was the most famous decorator in America. She had a monthly column in *Good Housekeeping* magazine and decorated luxury hotels such as the Greenbrier in West Virginia, along with restaurants, nightclubs, houses, apartment buildings, stores, and airplanes. She designed fabrics in the spirit of Brazil, Hawaii, and Spain. She understood the perils and pleasures of furnishing a home, and it was her uncanny understanding of human nature as much as her knowledge of scale, proportion and color that made America trust her.