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Valorie Hart : House Proud: Unique Home Design, Louisiana before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised House Proud: Unique Home Design, Louisiana:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. the visual vamp rocks!!By Lor's computerI knew when I pre-ordered Valorie Hart's beautiful decor book "house proud" back in July that I would love her book, because i am a devout follower of her blog, 'The Visual Vamp' (I highly recommend that you become one too) because she has an uncanny ability to capture the New Orleans vibe in all of her work. Her book does not disappoint...au contraire.....this book reveals real homes, for real people and hepful hints from all of them. which you can apply to your own home....Valorie puts them all together and it's a feast for those of us that love our homes.....she features so many beautiful examples of Louisiana home style, some of which she herself has done, and some of which other designers have worked on....but they all come together courtesy of Valorie's keen designing eye and Sara Essex Bradley's gorgeous photography. I am fortunate enough to live in NOLA, but if you truly want to capture the magic of our Crescent City for your own home, then purchase this book and fully understand how to be "house proud"...(you already are or you wouldn't be reading

this)...but the Visual Vamp will guide you even further....she's the real deal!!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Edgy, non-intimidating, and super chicBy Scott HippHouse Proud is one of the best interior books I have read in a long time. The book is super chic, and so full of style. I loved the homes, and the stories of those who live in them. I really enjoyed seeing Valorie Hart's home, as well as the others she decorated; "impeccable taste". She has a true gift of knowing how to incorporate high - low end furnishings (including what you have). I think very few designers really have the ability to bring all of these characteristics together. Valorie Hart's style/talent elevates the interior design industry, and she manages to do so in the most non intimidating way. Reading House Proud will motivate you to take a renewed interest in your own home. I truly loved this book, and so will you!!!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Stuffed with Welcoming InspirationBy CRHouse Proud by Valorie Hart is stuffed with welcoming inspiration. I'm a Californian who knows Louisiana only through films and literature. . . and The Visual Vamp blog since 2009! I've always wanted to visit though, to explore that mysterious state that seems like another country to me, so I was delighted to see a book dedicated solely to its homes. The photographs are indeed beautiful, generous and full of detail for those of us who want to see every little thing. And if you keep turning pages to the very end like I did, you will be rewarded with additional images in unexpected places.Valorie's writing is informed, but friendly and real. I gladly read every word. Part of the satisfaction in viewing these delicious interiors is learning about the home owners, their histories and motivations, and of course their connections to the State of Louisiana. The sense of place is so strong, and understanding how and why people express that in their homes is always interesting.Also, don't miss Valorie's Introduction! It stands on its own as an honest, absorbing and even entertaining essay. I've never met her in person but have followed her blog for four years, and on that authority have an opinion. My favorite college art professor said that art is about solving problems. And as I developed my own creativity, I began to understand what he meant by that. Valorie is a problem solver. She's a keen observer, a tireless worker, a fountain of creative resourcefulness, a multi-faceted woman of many layers and experiences. Watch this one, she could become a legend in her own time. I hope more books are in her future and that one of them will be an autobiography.

Experience the joy of decor and design, restoration and rebirth, color and comfort - all in the enchanting locale of Louisiana. A New Orleans-based interior designer, Valorie Hart expertly leads a private tour of the most fashionable homes in the state. Sara Essex Bradley's photographs document the personality of Louisiana's homes, from the formal Greek revival house to the warm Creole cottage, the pre-Civil war beauty to the kitschy 50s-style ranch, the grand Victorian to the modern urban loft. This is not simply a design inspiration book, but rather a thoughtful compilation of homeowners' personal stories of restoring and redesigning their dream houses - the stories of the "house-proud."In addition to Debra Shriver's foreword, Hart gives her creative expertise on repurposing furniture, displaying art collections, creating extra rooms, and rethinking storage. Hart presents us with today's Louisiana homes: the feel of southern hospitality married with a look of contemporary chic.

House Proud is much more than a design book. Its a story about family and friends, culture and heritage... Its a real delight and a wonderful addition for any collection. (Bright Bold Beautiful blog, September 18, 2013)Valorie Hart is one of the most passionate women we've ever encountered. Its clear that everything she does is done with love- and this book is no exception. In House Proud, Valorie takes readers through the most fashionable doorways in Louisiana. Were swooning over the rustic elements and still obsessing over the amount of colors and patterns. Each home is full of personality, clearly created with love, and photographed beautifully by Sara Essex Bradley. This is one book that will be referencing anytime we need a creative boost. (Rue Magazine Online, September 2013)