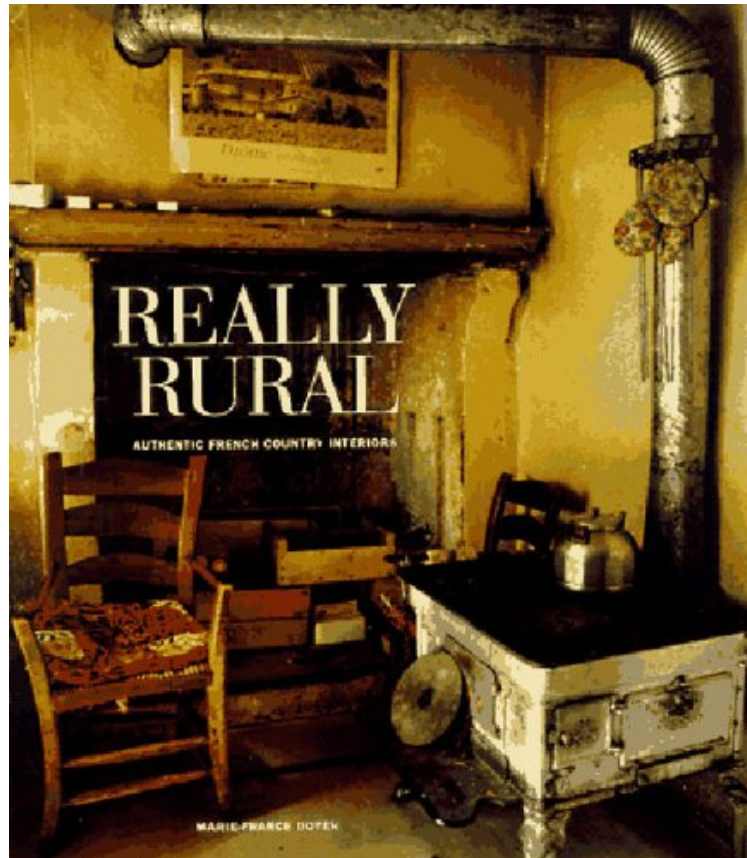


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This volume presents a photographic record of the last traces of French rural life, which despite its enviable simplicity, is soon to be lost for ever. In France the traditional mode de vie has almost disappeared, but there are places, far from the big cities and the tourist trails, where it can still be found. The author has travelled to several isolated regions of France to seek out the interiors of country working life and describes them, and the people who live in them and presents them in a series of photographs of kitchens and stove corners, living rooms and bedrooms, souvenirs and family mementoes. The book includes a guide providing information about sources for the objects and furniture that evoke French country style, and on the regional museums that commemorate it.

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