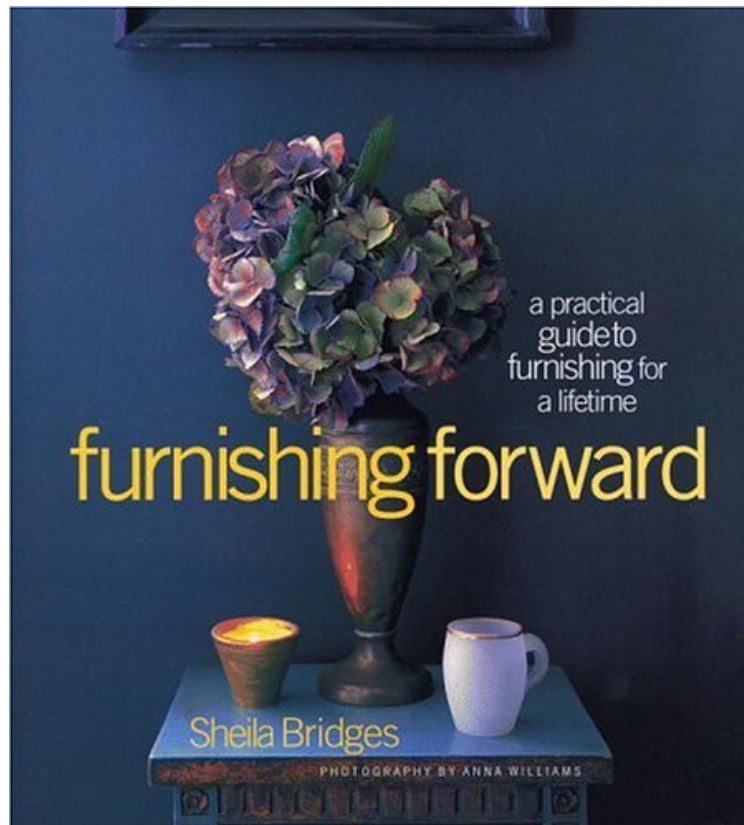


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## **Furnishing Forward: A Practical Guide to Furnishing for a Lifetime**

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfectly Imperfect.By MoniqueDCI have had this book for many years and often recommend it to people on both time spectrums of living: starting out or downsizing. People often forget that starting out is not just for the just-out-on-their own set, but also for anyone who starts out (or over). After a tornado had taken many of my favorite pieces, I decided to not replenish right away. I savored the process and the possibilities of discovery for adding to the bare bones of what I currently had. Even when furnishing on a dime, I would consider her advice and pictured results. I so enjoy the individuality of the spaces she designs as well as honoring some of the great craftsmanship of old pieces - kept as it or reinvented. Simultaneously, she uses inexpensive items and combination to achieve what I think of as an "Elegant Bohemian" style. (Plus I absolutely covet the purple backed dining room chairs pictured. I want them (or something like them) when the next move happens. Buy this book. Inspiring and enduring.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must Read If Designing Your Home InteriorBy Teresa SalkinSheila Bridges is one-of-a-kind. You can fast forward to her new Memoir, Bald Mermaid or just stay with this book written 14 years ago. It is Not a "How To Step by Step",like in those boring magazines, but an

open invitation into the way she thinks about design, space and color. Sheila offers ways to make your home personal taking into consideration scale and proportion. She finds great products from divergent places as Home Depot, flea markets to Sotheby's. She is open enough to show you her own homes and to expose you to her own growth and evolution in creating a home. I read this book over and over; I am a Big fan of Sheila's new memoir and of her design ideas. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A stepping stone for furnishing personal style By Anthony Marray Well let me say I'm a huge fan of Bridges' work. Very recently, she was featured in the Nov. 2007 EBONY, which showed her furnished cottage house. From that article and this book Bridges makes it clear that color should be embraced when furnishing. I'm personally bored with clinical white rooms. So Bridges with her tasteful approach to color, use of classical pieces, contemporary sensibilities, and ethnic flair really attracted me to her style. I found out about her through her show on the FINE LIVING network. This book really just carries the ideas that she uses to help others on her show. She doesn't dictate you to buy this piece or that. She's like someone who coaches you to embrace different resources (such as flea markets, auctions, antique stores, and internet sites) and pick pieces that you can imagine still having ten years from now. Her whole approach to design is thinking in the long-term use of furniture and house accessories. She also reasonably tells readers that approaching your personal style takes time and that it's a process that is well worth the time you take to buy pieces that you'll appreciate years into the future. I'd recommend it for people who need encouragement when wanting to furnish their own space with the future in view.

A fun and informative manual designed to assist young people who want to decorate with "real" furniture in their new homes. The author sets out to help to guide the reader in finding a personal style and establishing a realistic budget, whilst at the same time working with colour. Bridges shares both her professional and personal anecdotes to help first-time home- and flat-owners make the transition in purchasing furniture that will endure for years. With the help of professional designers, Bridges offers advice on how to shop for quality pieces and create the look you want.

About the Author Sheila Bridges runs her own successful design company based in New York. Many of her client's houses have featured in high profile magazines.