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So, how do we rekindle our love of our homes and create spaces that nurture our souls? Lulic tells us how in her book, part memoir, part spirituality, part common sense, part decorating guide, part exercises that help you make decisions with a little discussion of our culture thrown in. I've rarely read a book that incorporates so much in just 280 pages.

"A loving home is the unity of a specific dwelling, all those people and things that it shelters, and the sense of treasuring and being treasured," she writes. "In its fullest form, everything about the home has been conceived in love and inspired by beauty -- not just the physical aspects but the relationships, values, and daily rituals."

Her chapters include how to be creative in revisioning your house, whether it's moving furniture or changing wall colors. She acknowledges that sometimes partners will disagree. She uses the example of an interior door in her home that opened onto an unheated foyer. If the door stayed open, heat leaked out. If it was closed, the adjacent room lost light. She and her family kept coming back to the problem but never found a solution until the house "spoke" to her and they realized they could have a stained glass window in the door. She and her husband decided to make the \$800 door their Christmas gift to each other.

Lulic emphasizes throughout the book that she's not writing about expensive decorating. She recommends grouping throw pillows, framing those old family pictures, painting the fireplace bricks a different color. Just rearranging furniture, she has found, can change patterns of light and how you move through a room. --Mary Ann Grossmann, St. Paul Pioneer Press, 11/12/2010

Margaret Lulic's philosophy of home is that an inspired home emerges from your heart, spirit, and the unleashing of your creative flow. Her decades of business coaching as a consulting philosopher have focused on leading others to think out of their boxes and find their own wisdom. She now brings those same coaching gifts to those who love their homes. She coaches individuals through this book and private consultations to infuse practical decisions and goals with values and creativity in the areas of career, home, parenting, and education. Lulic and her husband have owned the same home for over 30 years enriching it with values, love, and beauty. Every inch of the house and yard have been redone and rediscovered multiple times as her family's needs, interests, and desires have changed. She has involved her home as an additional partner in raising a daughter, who is now creating her own loving home. Her stories and those of others will inspire you. Lulic is a teacher at heart. Early in her career she was a high school educator. She has had an eclectic career with every twist and turn sharing learning and teaching at its core. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University teaching about corporate and individual values and transformation. Her first book was the award-winning *Who We Could Be at Work*. Lulic has also contributed a chapter titled "An Economy with a Higher Purpose" to another book, which if heeded could have helped prevent the current economic crisis we face. Lulic graduated with honors from Marquette University. She earned her MA from the University of Chicago.

Home - Inspired by Love and Beauty is really ahead of its time. It looks at how to make a house a home not just in the material sense but by incorporating how family, events, light, color, history, nature and philosophy make a house a true home. I love the stories used in this book along with the examples of little but meaningful changes you can make to create a beautiful and lovely space. Also, the guided exercises are especially helpful to anyone who is looking to change things up in their home or for a first time home buyer. Highly recommend!

I am in the market for a new home. As preparation, I bought two books by Sunset Publications (because I'm looking in the Southwest) and two books by Sarah Susanka (because she is a terrific architect and writer). Still, it's Margaret Lulic's book that I keep returning to for perspective, advice, creativity, and companionship. She has a unique way of sharing her experiences and those of many others so that they invite my own reflection rather than envy! I find myself looking with greater clarity for what will be most meaningful for me. Whether you are house-hunting yourself or looking for inspiration for making your home more truly a place of love, joy, and satisfaction, you'll find the ideas and the philosophy of this book invaluable.

Your home is a reflection of your personality. "*Home Inspired by Love and Beauty*" is a guide from Margaret A. Lulic for making one's home just that, truly a home and something with a lot more to understand on top of it all. With a simple spirituality and wisdom, Lulic will guide readers to understanding just how to craft their home, whether it be through decorating or relationships with their neighbors. "*Home Inspired by Love and Beauty*" is an intriguing and useful resource for those who want to make their homes more homely.

I found Margaret's book to contain a great combination of practical, creative, funny and insightful elements to ignite ideas for creating a living space that I can settle into. I was delighted to find that her book inspired me to reflect on my core values and think about how I want to establish my home to reflect those values and find harmony within it. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking to enhance the place they inhabit, or for anyone who is looking for creative ways to think about their existing home or future home.

Margaret Lulic has written a warm and engaging book that shows how our homes can function both as shelter from the outside world and as the connection to our neighborhoods and even the world.

Each chapter ends with a series of reflections that guide the reader toward a better understanding of what we expect from our homes and relationships and how to make each more nurturing and satisfying. This book is highly recommended to everyone who values his or her home--and doesn't that include us all?

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