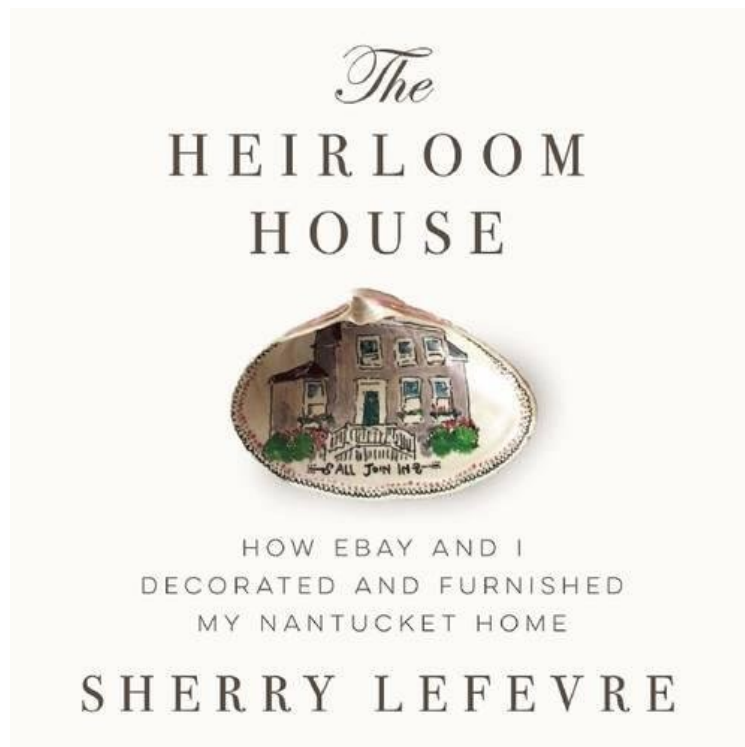


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**Sherry Lefevre : The Heirloom House: How eBay and I Decorated and Furnished My Nantucket Home** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Heirloom House: How eBay and I Decorated and Furnished My Nantucket Home:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect holiday presentBy V. MillerHaving vacationed in Nantucket for many years as a child, this book brought back many special memories that reminded me that the best times growing up, were in fact, being on Nantucket island each summer. The charming homes in the fishing village in the town of Sconset is the setting for the author's favorite house named Rosemary, where a magical world meshes with reality to take us into her world of growing up as a youngster. The book is a vivid memory of how special that island truly is. Now that we all have the tools of how to navigate Ebay thru Ms. Lefevre's endless devotion to capture the best possible bargains, we can now use all of her tips so that we never have to pay retail again! Thank you for a very funny book with endless resources for those of us who are intimidated by Ebay, and for giving us insight into a very special time in your life! I look forward to relishing my own finds, as I plan on tackling Ebay for this year's Christmas presents for my family!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. elegant and engagingBy LilyBThe eBay how-to part of the book is smart, funny, and helpful (kitchen taxidermy and dioramas? why didn't I think of that?) but the

book is much more than that. It's also a meditation on family and friends, and creating inviting spaces that embrace and warm them, providing the backdrop for relaxed, happy encounters. I love the author's self-deprecating humor and her unexpected metaphors (the living room as turtle terrarium, for instance). The writing is graceful, literary, and entertaining. You don't have to have a house in Nantucket to find something useful, thought provoking, and nostalgia inducing whatever page you happen to land on. Loved it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Nantucket!!!By AmiraLike the author I spent summers in Nantucket in the Sixties so that background part rang true. It was a lot of fun hearing about how the author filled her house with eBay treasures. I would have loved to have seen lots more pictures. All in all lots of fun for anyone who dreams of furnishing a beach house on the cheap.

Inspiration for Every Home Decorator with a Passion for the Past *The Heirloom House* is a humorous personal account of two interlocking obsessions: eBay and the quest to create a vacation house that looks and feels like a family heirloom. Beginning with recollections of her childhood summers in Nantucket, author Sherry Lefevre narrates the development of her personal aesthetic: wanting everything people with old inherited houses have. When she receives a bequest that allows her to purchase her own ramshackle summerhouse, she clicks on eBay and emerges two months later with a house fully furnished with other peoples ancestral treasures, from toile curtains to taxidermy, at a more-than-affordable price. Filled with photos and drawings, *The Heirloom House* invites readers to follow Lefevres eBay searches and imitate her heirloom-hunting strategies. Antique treasures are classified and eBay search words are suggested to assist the readers own treasure hunting. Anecdotes, both informative and entertaining, enliven descriptions of the antique objects acquired, and while the whole endeavor is relayed with humor, the underlying message is a serious one: with enough love, anyone can have an ancestral homean heirloom house.

Engaging . . . by turns nostalgic memoir, archival local history, practical renovation manual, traditional home furnishings primer, and how-to guide for navigating eBay. . . . Her ideas about properly decorating a seaside house are every bit as definite as [Mario] Prazs precepts for palazzi. *The New York of Books* "Snappy writing with appealing and accessible information." Leslie Linsley, author of *Nantucket Cottages and Gardens* and *Nantucket Island Living* "The story of a woman who has found a way to live her dreams. This book is a testament to nostalgia and the picturesque." Sarah A. Chrisman, author of *Victorian Secrets* and *This Victorian Life*