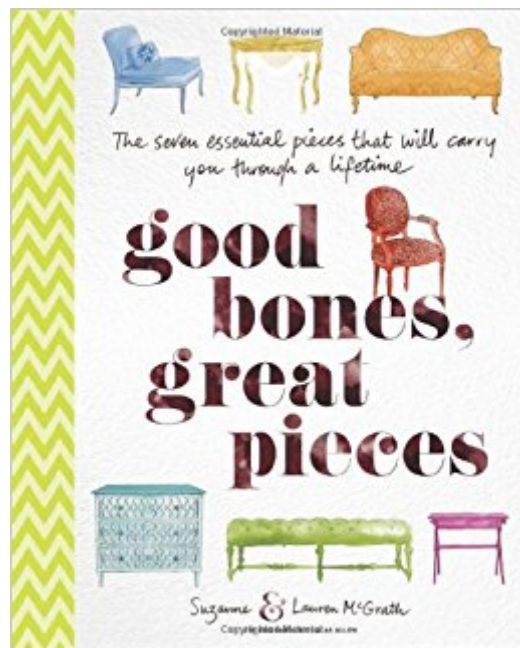




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# Good Bones, Great Pieces: The Seven Essential Pieces That Will Carry You Through A Lifetime



## Synopsis

Making a home is a lifelong pursuit and it starts with your very first place. Suzanne and Lauren McGrath, a mother-daughter team, operate the popular blog Good Bones, Great Pieces. At the core of their philosophy is the belief that every home should have seven essential pieces that can live in almost any room and will always be stylish. The authors explain how to place iconic items of furniture like the love seat and the dresser and rotate them throughout the home as the style or need changes. Illustrated with photographs of homes and apartments that the McGraths have designed, as well as apartments by some iconic designers, this book is a wonderful resource, whether you are starting out with your first apartment or rethinking the design of your home. Praise for Good Bones, Great Pieces: "The mother and daughter team of Suzanne and Lauren McGrath have created an excellent and useful book for both beginners and more experienced home decorators. Making use of cherished family furniture and objects in combination with affordable and available pieces, the team encourages us all to be both carefree and careful in our creation of a comfortable and comforting home." "Martha Stewart" A must-read for first-timers and seasoned home decorators alike." "Traditional Home" "Fail-proof guides to insider sources, suggestions on how to reincarnate tired pieces of furniture, and expert weigh-ins from iconic designers like Miles Redd and Robert Couturier are the gloss on the paint." "ArchitecturalDigest.com

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## Customer Reviews

Suzanne and Lauren McGrath are a mother-daughter interior design team who operate the design blog Good Bones, Great Pieces. They live in New York City and Rye, New York.

It sounds a little crazy to say this, but this book really opened my eyes to the possibility of using one piece of furniture in multiple ways, in multiple rooms of the house. Of course I knew I could do that in theory, but since reading Good Bones, Great Pieces, I am actually looking at my furniture in a whole new light--almost as if each piece is brand new, with no history of being in "that same old corner." I suddenly feel a lot more freedom to change things up and move things around. And I don't even have most of the pieces of furniture featured in this book! Overall, this book was a great read--start to finish--and I will definitely be consulting its pages again!

This is a fantastic book. I have many, many decorating books and this one has become my new favorite. The concept of seven basic pieces which are very flexible in any home is written in an easy, pleasing, page-turning style. I loved the pictures that accompany each section and found lots of great decor ideas to use, especially for accessories. This mother-daughter team has a great eye for decorating. A very talented duo! You will not regret ordering this book and will return to it again and again.

Loved the book so much that I bought one for my niece who has just finished graduate school and has a new apartment she is furnishing. The book offers good advice on choosing those first pieces that will have versatility for later use. I got some guidance also from the book on which items I might select when flea marketing. There are pictures and suggestions about the use of the basic items of furniture the author finds most versatile and attractive.

This book is good for readers who are looking for decorating ideas. I wasn't too impressed. I would have preferred a book that showed side by side pictures of what not to do with the specific "good bones and great furniture pieces" and then how it should look with the furniture. Basically before and after pictures...not pictures of perfectly pulled together rooms. In my opinion most DIY decorators want to work with their existing furniture pieces and add budget friendly accents to pull together their desired look.

Suzanne and Lauren McGrath have done an amazing job compiling the basic essentials of timeless decorating in a manner that even the novice decorator can accomplish. Their open-minded

enthusiasm for shopping flea markets, yard sales, and thrift stores makes you want to go out and start sifting through collections of items that others have cast aside. This book makes a great gift as a graduation, wedding, or housewarming present or just to share with a friend. I enjoyed it so much I've already ordered several copies to give to friends and family.

As a huge fan of the blog, I was so excited to FINALLY get my hands on the book version of Good Bones, Great Pieces. Suzanne and Lauren offer unrivaled advice for how to outfit your home without spending a fortune, whether it's a tiny first apartment like mine or a bigger family home. I've already read it cover to cover and will be recommending to all my friends and family. Their blog is great, too!

I love their blog, but in trying to meet the theme of "Great Pieces", the authors restricted their photos to only the rooms that feature these half-dozen furniture items. It is still fun and creative, just limited in scope.

I just got my preordered copy from on Friday and I have read the entire book by Saturday. As a fellow design blogger, it speaks to me personally, especially since my daughter and I have teamed in our decorating business. Suzanne and Lauren are such inspirations, and the knowledge and tips they give are spot on! I love the seven must haves for any decor. I have never thought of those same 7 pieces, but now it makes perfect sense, and I must complete my collection. They write beautifully, from the heart and are very sincere. I love the history lessons and antiquing! I just wish I could go to Brimfield, it sounds amazing. Thanks for your insights and expertise. We are HUGE fans of yours. Powellbrowerhome.com

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