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Ever since the first milords embarked on a Grand Tour in the seventeenth century, the passion for developing collections has been a national trait of England. As a result, the countrys aristocratic palaces became repositories of treasure gathered from around the globe. But so too, thanks to the spread of an Empire providing goods from across the globe, did almost every residence in England. Romantic English Homes features 13 such houses, the majority never before photographed. Large or small, old or new, they all convey an impression of massed objects intentionally

mingling styles and tastes, the classical placed next to the gothic, tartan pattern competing with floral print. Decorated with defiant eclecticism, the buildings featured here, brought to you by Robert OByrne, indicate that although the Empire may have gone, the English love of collecting remains as strong as ever. Criss-crossing the country, from Dorset, Devon and Cornwall to East Anglia and Suffolk, from London to Lancashire and Shropshire, it is both the romantic timelessness of these properties and their many-layered appearance that makes them so alluring.

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