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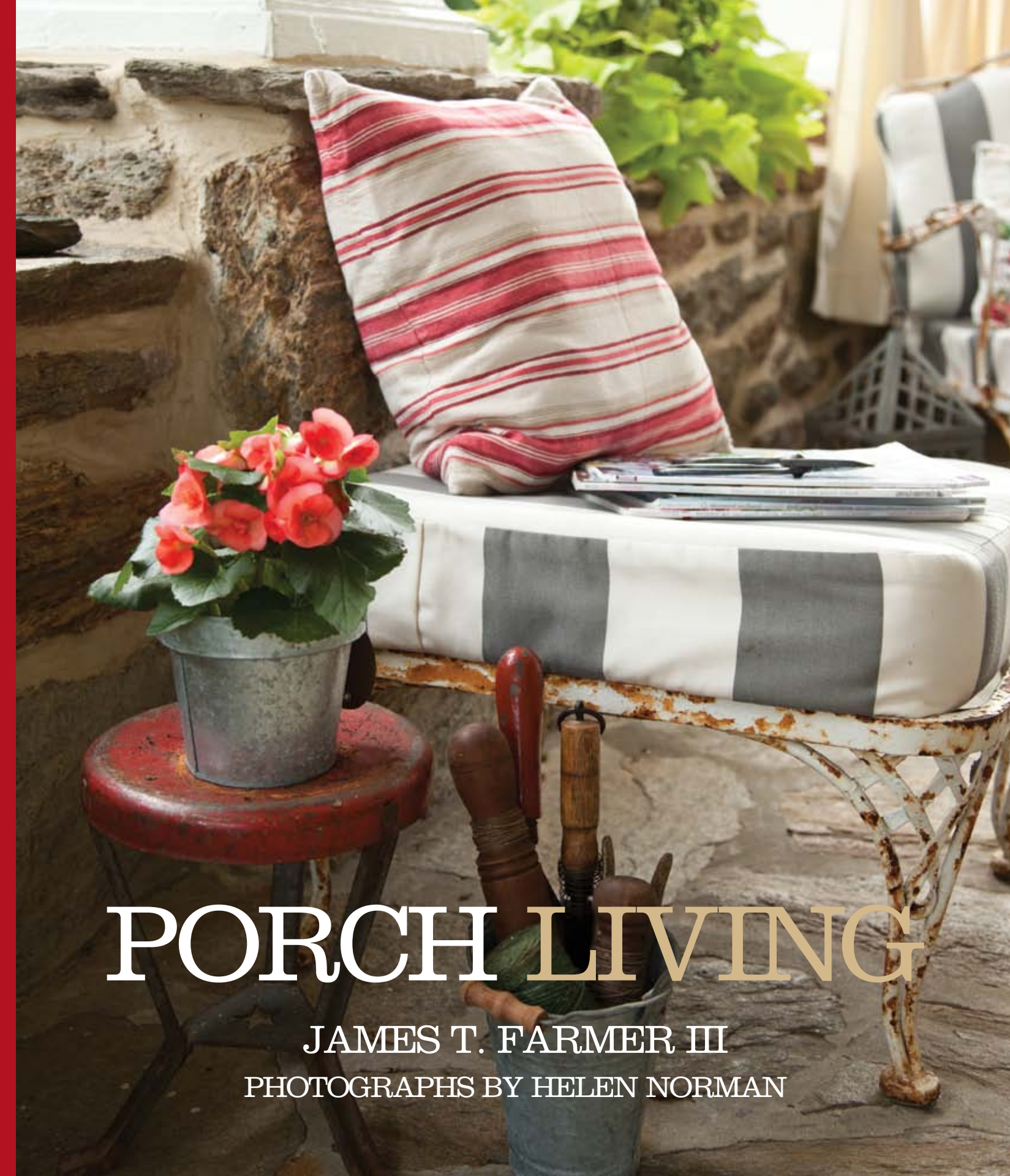
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Once shady places to greet neighbors and retreat from a rainstorm, porches have now claimed their place as prime outdoor living and gardening spaces.

It is where we dine al fresco, take respite from the heat, shelter from the rain, steal twenty winks, tend our prized begonias or nuzzle next to a fire. That happy medium nestled betwixt nature and nest, our porches are for living!

Nostalgic yet modernly apropos, porches provide the venue of venues to grasp the goodness of both the home and garden. From the contemporary yet classically rooted outdoor fabrics and furnishings that make porches chic and cherished, to the hanging baskets and planters chock full of seasonal delights, today's porches offer comfort and elegance, and, most importantly, an addition to the home and garden. Whether jettisoned boldly into parterres aplenty or delightfully diminutive, a grand outdoor salon or sleeping nook, our porches represent how we live and how to gloriously live hinged to and romantically suspended from home and garden.

Ideal for summer suppers and dreamy as spots for sleeping on hot, sultry nights, the porches in *Porch Living* will inspire you to make your porch a vital part of your entertaining space.



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ENTERTAINING & DINING

ABOVE: A planter overflows with color and personality.

LEFT: Dining on the enclosed porch is like dining al fresco in the country but without the nuisance of insects. Pretty for ladies' lunches and intimate for nighttime parties as well.

