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Staunch and formal, cool and edgy – all these things entwine in the sprawling metropolis of Parisian life and nowhere is this more pronounced than in this snapshot of the homes of the city's artisans and designers. This beautifully illustrated tome of the home is a who's who of the Paris scene, with inside looks at the abodes of shoemaker Christian Louboutain, French Vogue editor-in-chief Carine Roitfield and architect India Mahdavi, among others. It journeys from the Marais, through the Left Bank and all around the city, from 16th-century mansions to modern loft developments, via Louis XIV to Jean Prouvé styles. Like the city itself, it's a mish-mash of contradictions - a chic mess of grand pianos, chrome fittings and OTT chandeliers. The photography is gallery-worthy, while the words are cool and concise, serving only to compliment the aesthetic angle of the book. A work of very Parisian art.

