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Mississippi

MEET THE READER: Kenya Rice

HOMETOWN: Laurel

GREEN DAY: "Ben and Erin Napier renovated our house for an episode of HGTV's *Home Town*. I fell in love with the original beadboard that was hidden behind Sheetrock in our dining room. We painted the trim a pretty green [Retreat by Benjamin Moore]. The vintage table is also green—we like the freshness it brings to the room."



Missouri

MEET THE READER: Ashley Harrison

HOMETOWN: St. Louis

MEETING OF MINDS: "Designing the kitchen was all about compromise. I told my husband, Nathan, I wanted a library ladder. He thought I was crazy. He wanted rustic reclaimed wood floors. I thought they were too rustic. In the end, we both got our wishes, and it all blended nicely in our 1858 Victorian home."



The log wall is backlit, so it serves as a sort of night-light.

Calypto Blue
Benjamin Moore

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Montana

MEET THE READER: Sue Brakeley

HOMETOWN: Big Sky

SLUMBER PARTY: "We have six kids and three grandkids, so our rustic cabin is full of fun surprises, which matches our life! Our architect and designer made two pairs of bunks for the kids' room with nooks lined with waxed metal and added comfy linens [*coyuchi.com*]."



Nebraska

MEET THE READER: Bryan Frost

HOMETOWN: Omaha

FINE DINING: "None of the wood in our 1918 Craftsman has ever been painted, and the doors and hardware have never been changed. In our dining room, tramp art integrates with an ikat stencil design [painted in Mountain Smoke by Valspar] and a patinaed copper chandelier that I found for \$50 while junking in nearby Walnut, Iowa."



New Hampshire

MEET THE READER: D. Scott Bell

HOMETOWN: Ashland

TOILE STORY: "Our farmhouse had been damaged by a lightning strike in the 1950s and never repaired. We removed the burned part in 2007 and added on. In the cozy guest room, we chose 'Toile Country Life' [*waverly.com*] for the window treatments, duvet, and wall covering. The grain of the dark wood plays against the pattern perfectly."



Nevada

MEET THE READER: Kay Maddox

HOMETOWN: Las Vegas

POWDER PLAY: "I love how our designer, Taylor Borsari, made a small space feel so special. She started by finding the incredible Belgian-oak-and-bluestone basin [*lucanantiques.com*] and then built the entire powder bath around it, including an antique bronze faucet [*compasstone.com*] that plays off the Lotus wallpaper [*galbraithandpaul.com*]."



New Jersey

MEET THE READER: Sarah Brady

HOMETOWN: Rumson

ODE TO NATURE: "We wanted the focus of this room to be our backyard, so we selected the perfect shade of green [Lafayette Green by Benjamin Moore] to complement the foliage. The one-of-a-kind coffee table is made from a teak root ball. I loved the idea of bringing in something organic, plus the warm wood reinforces the room's backyard views."