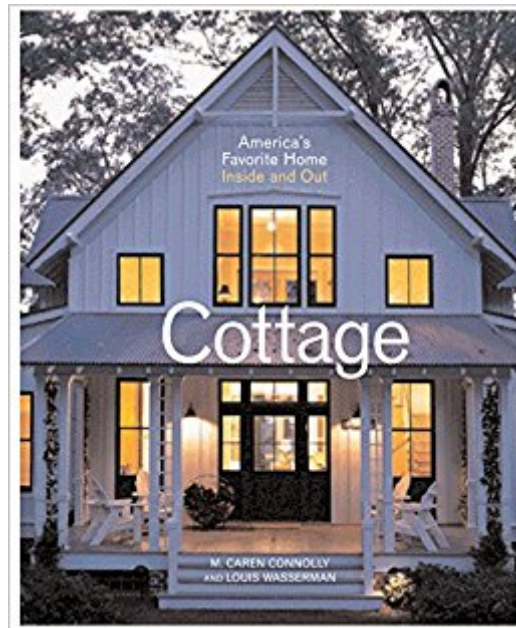




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Cottage: America's Favorite Home Inside And Out



Synopsis

The humble cottage offers a place of calming retreat and the opportunity to express a proud sense of individuality. In this timeless photographic treasury, the authors shine light on three charming characteristics that unify all cottages: a connection to nature, an intimately scaled design, and the use of locally made materials. They explore 24 superb American examples of all types-permanent homes and weekend getaways in rural, suburban, and urban locations, new cottages and remodels-discussing site planning, vernacular building materials, roof pitches, window sizes, interior design, and garden styles. Emphasizing current and future trends, "Cottage" is a storybook fantasy come alive.

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"The book features wonderful photographs that detail the wide range of this genre, from old to new, from big to small, from rustic to slick, and from all parts of the country."- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

"This is a fun book, filled with ideas for cottage owners and those who just want to make their own homes feel more like a cottage."- Hartford Courant

"Cottage: America's Favorite Home Inside and Out," by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman helps keep the mood -

and fun - of summer alive."- Chicago Daily Herald"M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman take cottage lovers on a tour of American cottages in Cottage. It offers interesting notes about traditional details in each cottage's design, plus gives a primer on basic elements of cottage style."- Orlando Sentinel

"Cottage: America's Favorite Home Inside and Out celebrates the romance and simplicity that give cottage homes their endless appeal. With inspiring locations, colorful gardens, cozy interiors, and intriguing nooks and crannies, the 24 cottages featured in this unique collection are sure to delight with equal measures of charm and diversity. Illustrated with spectacular photographs and watercolor drawings, the cottages span the country from Florida to the Pacific Northwest, with stops along the way at a converted schoolhouse in Missouri, a prefab cottage in Wisconsin, a straw-bale cottage in California, and a cottage community in Washington state. Whether new or remodeled, permanent home or weekend getaway, each of the cottages is intimately scaled, seamlessly linked to the landscape, and brimming with personal detail...all good reasons why the cottage remains America's favorite home, inside and out. "Cottages delight our eyes, warm our hearts, and soothe our souls. The fact is, at some point in our lives we all need them. If there's a cottage in your future, you'll find an abundance of inspiration and information in this book. No way will you get to the last page without have sketched out plans for your own 'someday' cottage!" --Jim Tolpin, Author of "The New Cottage Home, contributing editor, "Cottage Living magazine

You'll thoroughly enjoy seeing the wonderful photos of these cottages, each unique and special, located throughout the United States. The authors have done an excellent job of selecting vacation homes/cottages, most designed by architects, and each truly one of a kind. The descriptions of the homes, and love that their owners have invested in them, shows in this fascinating book. If you enjoy home tours as an opportunity look for creative ideas that others have pioneered, you'll spend some delightful hours perusing this book. ships it promptly and it arrives in excellent condition.

The photo on the cover is excellent but that's the highlight of the entire book. The remainder of the book is just okay. There are several additional nice photos inside but nothing in the book seemed unique or special in the sense that the average person wouldn't already know. I was hoping for some useful information and ideas to help design and build a cottage.

I love cute cottages and this is a very good book.

This book had some ideas, but wasn't that deep of a reference book for great ideas.

I have enjoyed reading this book - it is very easy to read and the photos are beautiful with rich tones. I enjoy leafing through this book and dreaming of my own perfect cottage, someday. . .

Informative and useful

Thank you

If you are looking for small scale, cozy cottages you will be disappointed. For example, at page 37 there is a very contemporary box style, three story structure, perhaps 2,800 square feet; the facade is deceptively board and batten, painted barn red. The living/dining/kitchen is one big open room, perhaps 36' by 14' with a 16' high ceiling. One outside wall, 36 by 16, is glass, which is impressive, but not conducive to an intimate, cozy milieu. At page 77 there is a three story prefab 'art moderne' structure that makes an impressive architectural statement, but it is by no stretch a "cottage". At page 187 is a remodeled barn: it's three stories, all open inside, ceilings 16 feet or more high, with a wall of glass. It's certainly not a cottage. It doesn't even look much like a barn anymore. The book cover suggests "each of the cottages is intimately scaled, seamlessly linked to the landscape...", which is just merchandising, promotional nonsense. For the most part these structures are just large houses, ego statements for the owner and architect. The authors are revisionists, changing the meaning of 'cottage' to include whatever they wished to put in their book.

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