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The Modern Californian Beach House



Synopsis

— Lush, full-color photography, detailed floor plans and informative project text —
Essay on history and development of LA beachside architecture, and Patrick Killen's contribution to it, by architectural photographer Russell Abraham
The Modern Californian Beach House catalogues the eclectic and always original modernist beach house architecture of Patrick Killen, founder of studio 9 one 2. Killen helped introduce serious modern design to the Los Angeles beach communities in the mid-80s, which at the time was "a crazy quilt of fantasy structures all built on postage-stamp sized lots". The projects featured in this collection span Killen's stellar career, from the Shearin House, which established modernism as a viable architectural motif on the western edge of Los Angeles, to 139 Hermosa Avenue, a definitive and welcome statement of modernity amid a sea of ramshackle and derelict LA beachside structures. Killen's beach houses have added another textural element to the architectural stewing pot that is beachside LA. He is committed to modernism, which he claims is the architecture of our time, and his architecture reflects a regionalism and humor that encapsulates the California lifestyle. Patrick Killen is a renowned LA-based modernist architect and founder of studio 9 one 2.

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Customer Reviews

Patrick Killen is a renowned LA-based modernist architect and founder of studio 9 one 2.

Am biased, he was the architect of our small house, so sorry he is gone...he will be missed. Pat's creative genius will live on in the many structures he imagined and completed, and this book is a

compliment to him....love it and it will be cherished!

A wonderful and concise history of the south bay beach house and Mr Killen's rather beautiful modernistic interpretations. Not too many arches or black squirrels, however.

And good work by a good architect.

Inspiring

If you are at all attracted to modern architecture, this book is a must. If you are not a architecture buff, you will still love the glassy geometric modern beach houses lovingly designed and beautifully photographed in this book. This book captures the dream California Beach Life in its images. Patrick Killen's unique style is creative yet incredibly consistent across his designs. The "look" is unmistakable. For now, I will dream of a house like these . . .

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