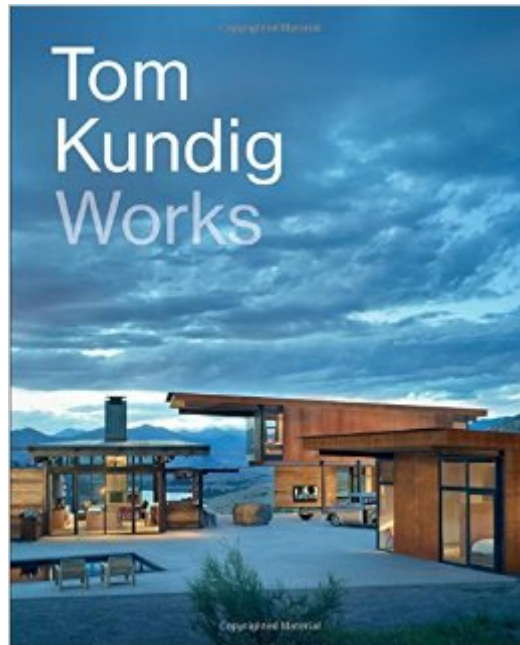


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# Tom Kundig: Works



## Synopsis

In *Tom Kundig: Works*, the celebrated Seattle-based architect presents nineteen new projects, from Hawaii to New York City. Kundig's award-winning houses, known for their rugged yet elegant and welcoming style, are showcased in lush photography with drawings and sketches, and appear alongside his commercial work—from multistory complexes to the Tacoma Art Museum to a line of hardware (handles, door pulls, hinges, and more). In firsthand accounts, Kundig describes the projects and his design process with many personal anecdotes, making *Tom Kundig: Works* as much memoir as monograph. The book also includes an introduction by design editor Pilar Viladas and in-depth conversations with Kundig's frequent collaborators—gizmologist Phil Turner and contractor Jim Dow (Schuchart/ Dow)—and clients (Bigwood Residence and Studhorse).

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fabulous, large format monograph on a truly unique American architect. Sixteen projects are shown with locations from Seattle and Washington state, California, Hawaii, Pennsylvania and NYC. Wow. All of the projects are beautifully photographed, depicted with site plans, floor plans, building sections and sometimes conceptual sketches. This is the perfect book for anyone interested in Modern Residential Architecture. Tom Kundig is at the top of his field and has developed a wonderful, warm and inviting yet minimal style. I study this volume each day and see something new every time. LOVE THIS BOOK!!!

So, the same disclaimer I gave for the other Kundig volumes: I'm reviewing this as an architect, and also reviewing it as a HUGE fan of the first book, "Tom Kundig: Houses". I gave that book 5 stars,

and I gave "Houses 2" two stars. This volume is similar in presentation/content to "Houses 2," with barely a nudge toward the high standard set by "Houses". This book contains 17 projects, including single family (Studhorse, NYC Residence), multi-family (Art Stable, Whistler House), and commercial (Tacoma Art Museum, Charles Smith Wines). It also covers Kundig's object design/fabrication. The book contains 3 interviews with Kundig, all concise and interesting. Each project contains a page with a written description, two full page B&W photographs, one page of pencil sketches (ranging from all project stages, details, elevations, floor plans), and one page of hardline drawings (annotated plans, and typically one section or elevation). The remaining pages have color photographs, typically full-space interior or exterior views. About 10-24 pages per project. The use of photography varies widely with each project. Some projects are well photo-documented, and other projects "fly by" with minimal photos. Some projects have photographs of details and close-ups, whilst others have few/no detail pictures. There are several photograph "pairs" showing the operable/movable components of the work (usually window-walls, moving horizontally or vertically). Good stuff there. Some of the larger (5500 square foot) projects (Bigwood, Ketchum, ID, Berkshire, MA) are well documented, but others (Tansu House (3300 sf) seems underwhelmingly represented. Unfortunately, the shadow of Kundig's 2006 book "Houses" still looms large over the subsequent volumes on his work. I consider "Houses" to be the gold-standard for small project/residential monographs.

This is sheer architecture porn for geeky people. Kundig's work is amazing and bold. There is tons of detail with the photos, the floorplans and theory to each house that he shares. Sadly, we are not in the income bracket for a Kundig house. The upside is that we can freely steal ideas and dream of doing some of the things on a much smaller and lower budget scale than anything in this book. Really enjoyed it. IF you like modern cutting edge architecture, this is for you!

Beautiful and inspiring. Tom Kundig is a master, and though most cannot afford to hire him for their own homes, his ideas are fresh and exciting. We love how he embraces the outdoors and considers that space part of the entire home design.

Perfect blend of projects, stunning photography, sketches and perhaps most importantly reflections and stories from the architect himself on the projects, process and people behind it all. Reminds me of the first ever Tom Kundig Houses where we fell in love with the work. Tom Kundig Works is the best of the collection.

Gorgeous Photography! Inspirational Work! Excellent Book!!!

Can't stop opening it to look again!

Must have book. Unique Architecture. Great Architect

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