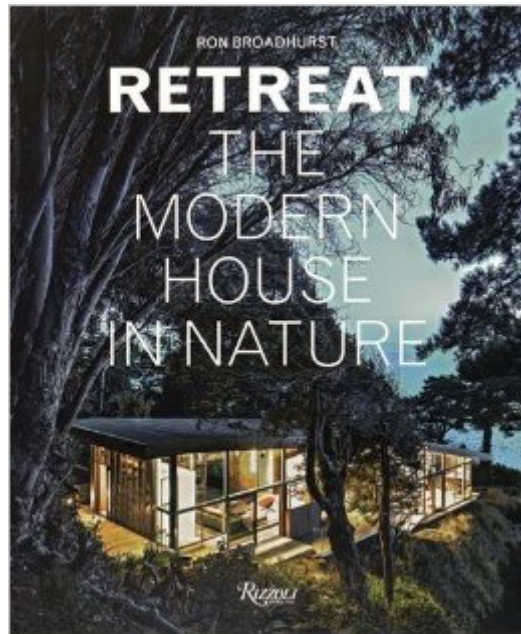


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# Retreat: The Modern House In Nature



## Synopsis

The most forward-looking spaces designed for rustic living in the twenty-first century. Across the globe, architects are creating innovative houses for country living, reimagining the way we escape into the natural world. Some combine industrial materials like metal and concrete with traditional wood. Others create sophisticated essays in off-grid living, employing the most technologically ambitious green-living strategies. Still others place discreet structures on remote, almost-unbuildable locations. This unique volume profiles new and recent projects that illustrate the inexhaustible potential of the modern house to enter into a dialogue with nature in sustainable yet stylish ways. The collection spans the globe, from the Pacific Northwest to the forests of Japan. Today's architectural vanguard is represented, as well as established architects working at the forefront of twenty-first-century design, including Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, Rick Joy, Olson Kundig, and Marcio Kogan. These rustic retreats with comfortable and appealing modern interiors will resonate with readers of shelter magazines, while the cutting-edge reputations of their architects will interest professionals and students.

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This book highlights very impressive (and high budget) residential architecture. Each project is listed by its owner and location, and well, they are all beautiful and designed with very specific requirements in mind. For an architect, I think this would be a useful book to have. For me, I just like to get ideas and one day hope to design my own home that my husband and I can build ourselves

(as much as possible). While the homes highlighted in this book are way out of my budget limits, they are beautiful and offer interesting ideas and ways to dream.

Another aesthetic stunner from Rizzoli. This gorgeous coffee table book is rich with eye candy for those interested in architectural escapism into elegant spaces located in unique landscapes around the world. Admittedly, I bought it based on the cover alone (huge Big Sur fan, here!) and was not disappointed by the hundreds of photographs inside- quite the opposite, indeed. (Also was 3 mimosas deep at time of purchase. Details, details...) Anyway, I've had a handful of guests over since setting it in my living room. Each person flipped through it without me insisting. The Santa Barbara property slays in this book, and I loved how the weather in the San Juan Island property reflected a typical Pacific Northwest mood. Cloudy, mild, and seductive.

Nice mainstream projects; Not forward-looking or thought provoking.

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