

Mini House

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Alejandro Bahamon : Mini House before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mini House:

79 of 80 people found the following review helpful. Half HalfBy MickeyMcMickIndeed, this is no lifestyle book, but an architectural piece, one that gives some real inspiration and wonderful examples of living large in small spaces. Inconsistently though, some houses are only shown in exterior photos and one longs to see what's inside, such as the gorgeously crafted NSW Tree House. A number of the house interiors are empty or nearly so, and any house looks spacious when it's completely unfurnished! The fortress-like Ithaca House in New York State gets 8 pages of coverage: the somber exterior is shot from every conceivable angle, but only the only interior room shown is the kitchen. The starkly simple but deceptively ingenious House In Zachary stars on the cover and gets 10 pages inside. 12 photos are devoted to its exterior, but only two to the interior, and those are more or less just vignettes. Bottom line, people need to LIVE in these small houses and we need to see what the interiors look like. A small house is only successful if the interior works as a home. This book left me impressed but feeling very unsatisfied. Larger, better-labeled floor plans would have been welcome as well. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. BOOK - MINI HOUSES AROUND THE WORLDBy Jean Lafitte Interesting book featuring small (mini) houses from all over the world- Minimalist living at it's finest-- Makes one wonder why we need to build all these McMansions ---36 of 39 people found the following review helpful. Nice concept but for a select audienceBy A CustomerIf I could have looked inside this book before I ordered it, I probably wouldn't have bought it. While many of the houses are

interesting, the style of most of them is 'European modern' or even experimental (that's not meant as a criticism in itself). In the author's introduction the sub-heading is "...producing small architectural objects..." -- that's a good description, the houses are more architectural objects than anything else. So, if you're interested in modern trends in residential architecture, this is a great book; if you interested in modest, economical homes of a more traditional nature, this definitely isn't the book for you.

The increased demand for space has created a shortage of unused land to build on. This book represents a fascinating look at 25 small houses belonging to international architects who've demonstrated their ability to take full advantage of every square foot available. Projects range in size and include work like the Keenan Tower house, a home-office in New York city, the Phillips House in Chicago, the Moore Honey House in North Carolina and more.

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