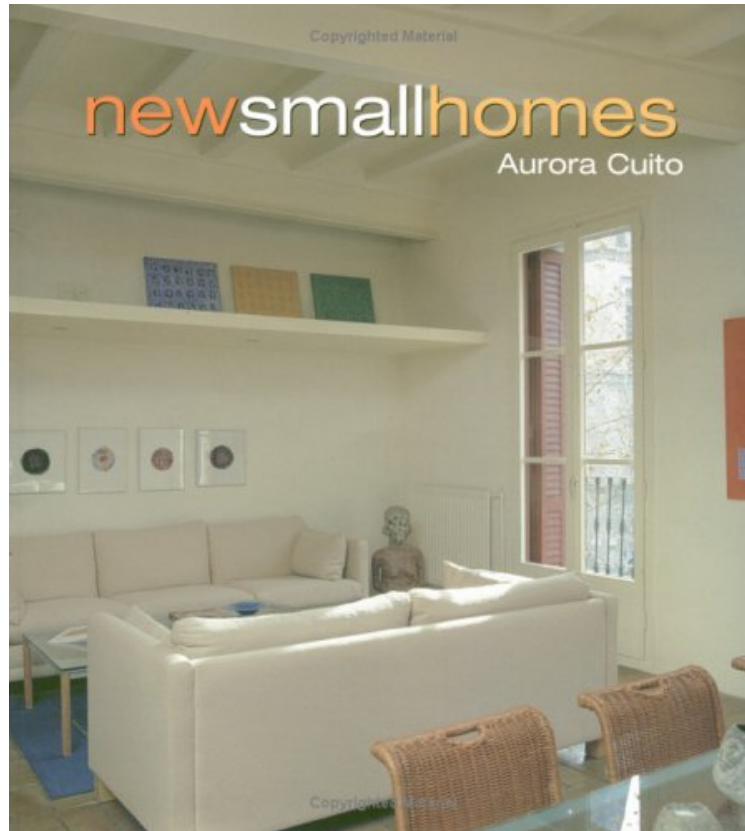


## New Small Homes

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**Aurora Cuito : New Small Homes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Small Homes:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Borrow someone else's copy or take a pass ... not a keeper IMO By Cindy This may appeal to professional architects that just want a refresher or introduction to high level concepts to investigate further but this didn't appeal to me as a layman or assist with my current project at all. I found high level concepts only, not much text, not many other resources sited (websites, organizations, companies, etc) most concepts were pretty redundant with what I've seen elsewhere. Limited range in styles -- mostly urban, contemporary, and stark. Didn't appeal to me at all. I'll be giving it away. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A disappointing sameness By LC1 "New Small Homes" by Aurora Cuito really should have been titled "Minimalist Houses That Showcase Architects Who Go For Show Over Substance". Once you get that everything that can go should go on rollers, tabletops should be glass if at all possible, skylights should be added wherever possible, complicated and/or expensive ways of doing things are the way to go, AND OTHER THAN THE CLOTHES ON YOUR BACK, DON'T MOVE IN WITH ANYTHING, you've got the book. And don't go for maximum use of space, either. For example, the first design, a dwelling converted from a former water tower, features furniture that "slides in a small metal volume when not in use", "retains the sloping wall on its lower part", and a small refrigerator that hangs from the ceiling. Well,

if one has such a small space, and has the right to the footprint of "a small metal volume", why not extend that volume to the height of the main unit? In any case, there is considerable WASTED space above the bed as designed. Why not at least make the bed a loft bed and convert the considerable space that's wasted above the bed into something useful below it? And who the heck wants to reach above their heads to get, sight unseen, food stored in the refrigerator? And why leave the sloping wall on the lower part of the unit? Are there stairs there? And do you REALLY want to shower above a plate in the floor in the living room -- in front of a glass wall? In another design, the kitchen and bathroom are put on either end of a modular design. That means there have to be two sources of water, and two means of eliminating waste. How efficient is that? Lastly, the photographs are curiously uninformative. One in particular demonstrates how light bounces off surfaces. How about showcasing the design of the house? In some cases, the photographs of a particular home seem redundant, while in others, it's not clear what is going on. I'm glad I borrowed this book from the library. 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Not your mother's dream home...By A Customer If you're a fan of minimalist spaces or Euro-Industrial-Tech type houses you're probably love this book (or if you're an architectural student, you'll probably love this book). If you're primarily interest in small homes of a more traditional design however, this is definitely not the book for you. I don't think the description listed with the book does a good job of stating that (nor the photo on the cover). My only real comments about the book itself is that it seems oddly dated, even though the book was published in 2001 ('high-design' houses have a short life-span of being avant-garde I'm guessing), and that it is a well-designed and interesting book for the right audience.

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