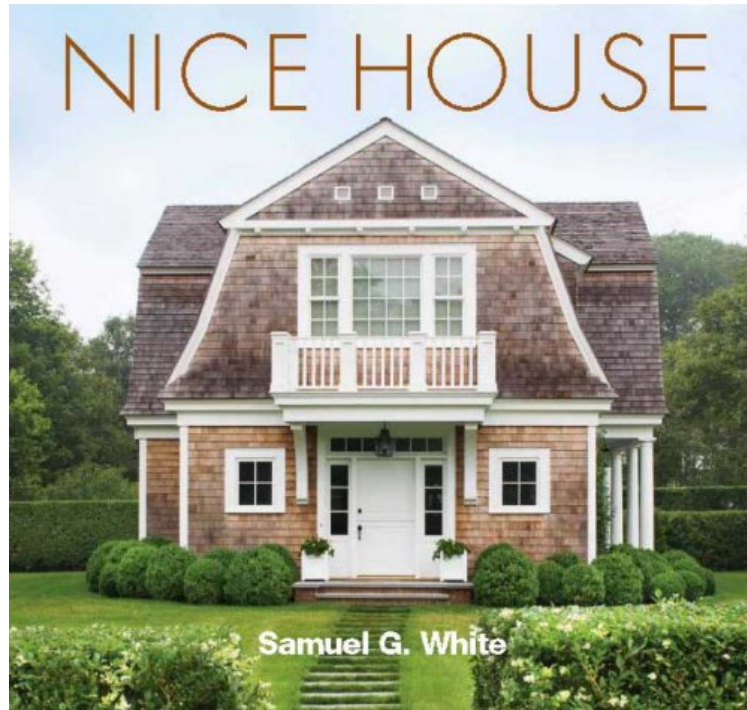


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**Samuel G. White : Nice House** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nice House:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Nice, indeed. And for several reasons. By R. MacI purchased this book primarily because I enjoyed the author's previous publications. I'm glad I did. The houses are all, indeed, very nice. Images, too. But what was very very nice was the clarity of the presentation. Each house has its own visually defined section. You always know what house you are looking at. It's astonishing how many authors don't do this. They scatter images throughout the book, so the living room of house X is on page 34 while the dining room will be on page 164. Is anything more irritating? What was also very nice, splendid actually, is that there are plans for each house! Plans! And large enough to actually read! Praise the Lord! Again, it's astonishing how many authors don't include plans in architecture books, or have them so small as to be unreadable. NOT nice! Another nice feature was that while traditional style houses predominate there are also modernist houses and this diversity was unexpected and appreciated. I was a little disappointed that the second floors do not have plans. I also really dislike that the hardback does not have a dust jacket. It feels, well, not properly dressed. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There are nice houses inside--but not the house on the cover By Milton Bagby If you are enticed to buy this book without having the advantage of thumbing through it, be advised that the house on the cover is not detailed on the interior of the book. There are nice houses inside--but not the house on the cover. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Melvingreat concept...well done book

White's project descriptions are lucid, brief and hype-free, and they come stocked with floor plans. He describes terrain contours, materials and palette choices and circulation patterns. This is a practical yet mouthwatering and aspirational study of architects helping people honor the streetscape, keep properties saleable and upgrade their home life by several respectable notches. -- Period Homes

What makes a house nice? Architect Samuel G. White tells us: Nice houses aren't too big or too formal. They are neighborly, with harmonious proportions. They have inviting spots in which to read a book, take a nap or cook.. --New York Newsday

This is a book of houses where we all would like to live. The locations are diverse: New England, Long Island, Pennsylvania, California and the architecture encompasses both traditional and contemporary vocabulary. What links them is their livable scale and the architect's commitment to creating congenial spaces with a handsome and functional design. They are unassuming dwellings whose architecture moves easily to the background, supporting comfortable furniture, works of art from a variety of periods and styles, and the plantings and outdoor spaces that are essential to the composition. These houses display grace and style inside and out. They invite a full range of activities from formal to informal, from celebration to repose, from a solitary existence to a house full of children or guests. These houses have good places to read a book or write a letter, to take a nap, and to cook and eat with family and friends.

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