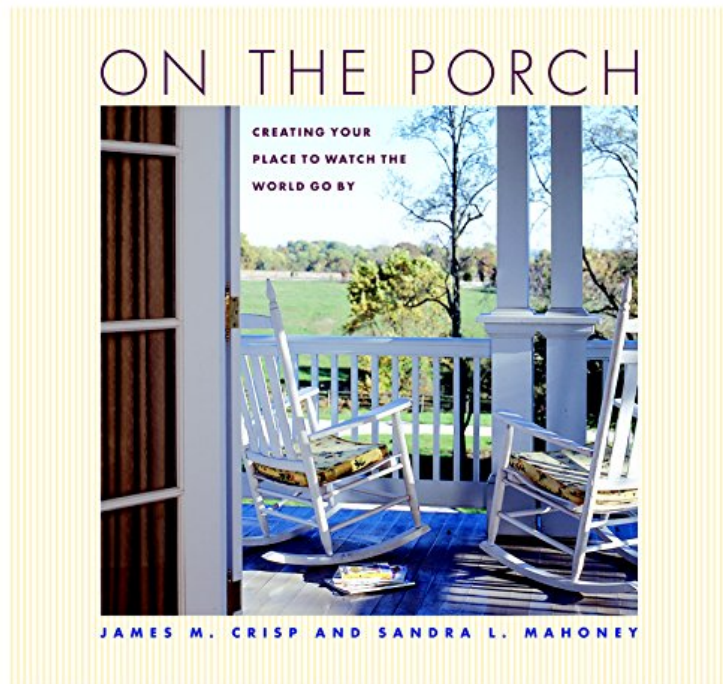


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James M. Crisp, Sandra L. Mahoney : On the Porch: Creating Your Place to Watch the World Go By before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On the Porch: Creating Your Place to Watch the World Go By:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you love a porch, this is the book for you !By DBI have always loved a porch. I discovered this book when we toured Pleasant Hill BB in Natchez MS. Their porch is shown in this fantastic book. So I ordered it. This book has the best of ideas for a porch - be it in a wooded lot, beach or in a town setting. The photography and write ups are superb in quality. If you love a porch like me or are planning to build one or remodel an existing porch, this book would be a "must" to research.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice photos, but no real ideas for ranch housesBy customer KarenI bought this book because I have a very basic ranch house -- your plain rectangle, 70' wide (including a 2-car garage) and 30' deep. My house has a few nice touches, like a big bay window in the living room, but otherwise it's really simple. I live in New England and love old houses with big front porches, which are very common in my area (don't ask me why I ended up with a relatively new ranch!), so I am thinking about adding a big front porch IF I can do it without it looking like something just stuck on to the front of my house. In addition to photos, I wanted info on proportions, rooflines, engineering considerations, etc. This book is NOT a good resource for someone in my situation as there are virtually no ranch houses in it, and literally zero ideas that would work. On the other hand, if what you want is a book to give you ideas for other kinds of houses, it might be a good resource. The pictures really are gorgeous, and it has some how-to info (although not nearly as much as I would have liked, given that the authors are architects), so it's also good for "dreaming." I don't regret buying it as I got a great copy used at a fair price, and I also like a lot of the ideas and may be able to incorporate them

into my future "dream house," but I'm disappointed that it's basically useless for my current house. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book makes me so happy I have a true front porch! By jllhoefener Good photographs, ideas, and designs. Will make you long for the lazy days of summer. I took many ideas from this for my own porches.

Porches are more popular than ever--they're great for adding curb appeal, welcoming friends and neighbors to your door, and creating a friendly outdoor living room. There's no better way to end a hot summer's day than to sit back with a tall frosty lemonade on your porch swing and watch the world go by! A porch can change the way you live in your house--it can entirely change the way your house looks--it can change the way you relate to your neighborhood. There is, simply, something magical about a porch. It slows you down, it tells you to take some time, to read the paper, to sip a glass of iced tea, to watch the weather roll in.. For those dreaming of a front porch or those with porches in need of redesign, *On the Porch* will be their bible, the only book to cover the topic from porch types to planning and design, to tips on good construction, to maintenance and porch adornment (lighting, overhead fans, rockers, hanging plants, trellising). An important component of the book will be showing, using before and after photos, how adding a porch can entirely change the look of your home. Architects James Crisp and Sandra Mahoney offer a complete design guide to porches, from considering the porch's function to choosing wood alternatives, lighting and finishing design touches. Some of their advice: Before designing a porch, research zoning regulations, such as minimum setback from your property line and percentage of your property that can be covered with a structure. Homeowners often make the mistake of allowing just enough space on the porch for furniture, without thinking about how much they'll move around it. Although it's possible to squeeze quite a few chairs around a table, guests will be more comfortable if they can pull them out, stand behind them and allow others to get by. When debating the choice of a screen porch with an open-air porch, consider that a screened porch will dim the natural light inside your home. On an open-air porch, you will have to deal with bugs. A porch doesn't have to look like it's from the 19th century. Modern porches are sleeker, taller and more open. Add an extra design element to your wood flooring by laying the boards in creative ways, on the diagonal or in a geometric pattern. Composites have entered the market as decking and have made the transition to trim pieces and boards, providing good weather-resistant material.

Need a place to catch your breath and watch the world go by? Look no farther than your front porch. *On the Porch*, a planning and design guide by James M. Crisp and Sandra L. Mahoney offers tips about construction and maintenance, plus information about finishing touches like lighting, rockers, and hanging plants." --Mary Engelbreit's *Home Companion* Authors James M. Crisp and Sandra L. Mahoney discuss every element of porch design, but their book is no dry how-to manual. It's about possibilities and potential - as the subtitle notes, it's about "creating your place to watch the world go by." That's my definition of a getaway, for sure. "--The Philadelphia Inquirer" A porch can change the look of your house, provide a transition from indoors to outdoors and offer another living space. With so many benefits, it's a wonder not every house has one. In "*On the Porch*," by James M. Crisp and Sandra L. Mahoney (Taunton Press, \$30), you can see fabulous porches from coast to coast. The lushly photographed book offers tips on planning, design, decoration, landscaping and construction, as well as a look at different types of porches -- you'll almost feel the breeze and taste the lemonade. "--Austin American-Statesman" The beautiful photographs will take you away to a refuge of peace and quiet even if you're not lucky enough to own one of these porches. Authors James M. Crisp and Sandra L. Mahoney have written a porch bible with before-and-after photos to show you the possibilities, from curb appeal porches to those offering secreted privacy, a nest for sleeping or a spot for entertaining. But practicality has been included as well with sections on planning and design, tips on construction and maintenance, landscaping, lighting and furnishings. You'll want to keep it out for winter dreaming. "--The Cincinnati Enquirer" About the Author Originally from Texas and Louisiana, James M. Crisp is the principal of Crisp Architects in Millbrook, New York. He has received awards for design and his work has been featured in many publications, including *Renovation Style* and *Country Living*. Sandra L. Mahoney has been involved with residential architectural projects in Washington, New York, Virginia, California and the UK. She is a Senior Project Designer for Crisp Architects.