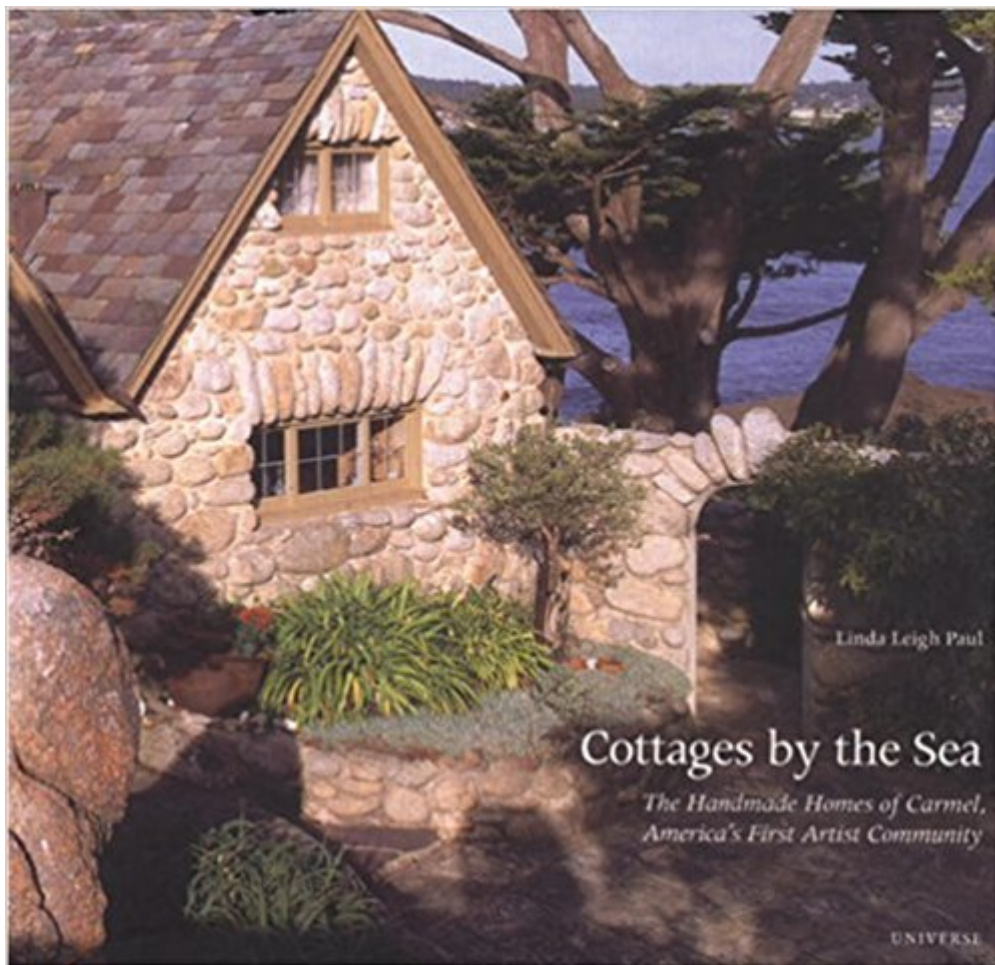




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Cottages By The Sea, The Handmade Homes Of Carmel, America's First Artist Community



Synopsis

Carmel, California has always been a community of artists, writers, and freethinkers. During the early part of its rich history, the area was home to Robinson Jeffers, Mary Austin, Ansel Adams, Charles Greene, Jack London, George Sterling, Upton Sinclair, and Henry Miller, among other great artists of the twentieth century. During the late 1980s, actor and director Clint Eastwood served as mayor. While much about Carmel has changed since the days when Robinson Jeffers could be seen strolling the beach, the area remains one of America's most beautiful. It is also home to many of America's most charming but rarely seen cottages. In Carmel's residential district--a very private, heavily wooded area surrounding the shops and tourist attractions of the town's often busy main street--there are no sidewalks or streetlights. The U.S. Postal Service does not offer mail delivery. Homes have no addresses; they are simply known by name. Here, it is not uncommon for tourists, so intrigued by the uniqueness of the local architecture, to climb the fences of private homes to get a closer look or snapshot of the house on the other side. Now, for the first time, 34 of these homes can be seen more advantageously, in more than 270 specially commissioned and archival exterior and interior photographs.

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Customer Reviews

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I was a little disappointed in this book although the description was on target. I guess I just built it up a little too much in my mind. The subjects were thoughtfully photographed and you can tell that Carmel must be awe-inspiring, but the images were kind of dull....like a book left in the sun. You can kind of get an idea of this simply from looking at the book cover. I thought it was my computer monitor, but the pix just weren't vibrant and inviting like those to which I have become accustomed. In fact, I found them to be a little gloomy. Nevertheless, I spent a pleasant hour looking at my purchase; however, it's probably not going to be one of my books that I look at again and again.

Great pictures and a good read with lots of information on unique houses thank you

I have been there several times and wanted more pics of the character homes there.

These cottages are heart warming and make you swoon! The book arrived in very good condition, even though it was used! Again, I would have preferred it looked more 'beat-up', so to speak, but a great book, non-the-less. I had expected more and larger pictures, but if you are an architect or builder/carpenter, the book has the floor plans for each cottage for you to examine. Me, myself...all I want are the pictures of the insides of the decorated cottages.

I was hoping for something with alot more photos of the interesting Carmel "fairytale" cottages, inside and out. I was disappointed. Many of the houses are not that interesting. This may be a book of interest to people who live in Carmel.

NOt what I expected if you are looking for floor plans of the cottages they are not in this book. But had great photos of interiors, grounds of the book and settings Hence the 3 stars. Would have been 5 if the Floor plans had been included.

This wonderful book reminded me of my childhood in CA and being shown the cottages by my mom. i never got to see the inside of the cottages and so i fell in love once again with them from the interiors. I couldn't put it down until i'd revisited all of the cottages. The descriptions and layouts were priceless.

A very nice and interesting read. I recommend it. It has a nice cover which says "pick me up and buy me" so it looks grand on the coffee table or end table. I love peeking into homes and find these

remarkable if simple.

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