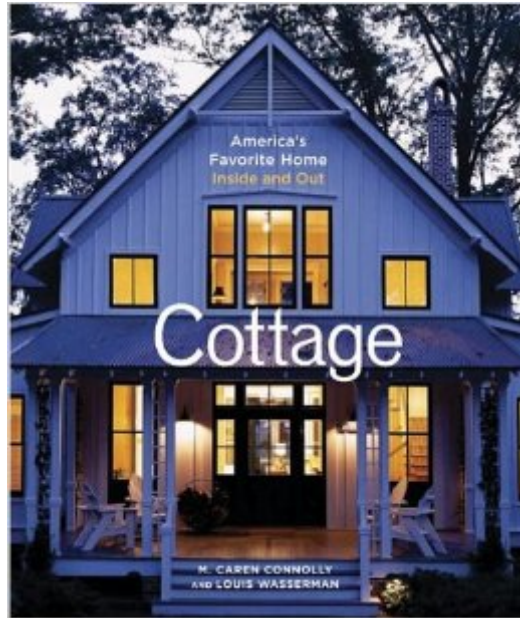


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# Cottage: America's Favorite Home Inside And Out



## Synopsis

The humble cottage offers a place of calming retreat and the opportunity to express a proud sense of individuality. In this timeless photographic treasury, the authors shine light on three charming characteristics that unify all cottages: a connection to nature, an intimately scaled design, and the use of locally made materials. They explore 24 superb American examples of all types-permanent homes and weekend getaways in rural, suburban, and urban locations, new cottages and remodels-discussing site planning, vernacular building materials, roof pitches, window sizes, interior design, and garden styles. Emphasizing current and future trends, "Cottage" is a storybook fantasy come alive.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are looking for small scale, cozy cottages you will be disappointed. For example, at page 37 there is a very contemporary box style, three story structure, perhaps 2,800 square feet; the facade is deceptively board and batten, painted barn red. The living/dining/kitchen is one big open room, perhaps 36' by 14' with a 16' high ceiling. One outside wall, 36 by 16, is glass, which is impressive, but not conducive to an intimate, cozy milieu. At page 77 there is a three story prefab 'art moderne' structure that makes an impressive architectural statement, but it is by no stretch a "cottage". At page 187 is a remodeled barn: it's three stories, all open inside, ceilings 16 feet or more high, with a wall of glass. It's certainly not a cottage. It doesn't even look much like a barn anymore. The book cover suggests "each of the cottages is intimately scaled, seamlessly linked to the landscape...",

which is just merchandising, promotional nonsense. For the most part these structures are just large houses, ego statements for the owner and architect. The authors are revisionists, changing the meaning of 'cottage' to include whatever they wished to put in their book.

I love cottage style and have a nice collection of books. Based on consumer reviews I bought it and boy was I disappointed. It was, to say the least, a snooze as far as the photos go. Since I cannot afford to buy a home presently, I love to get lost in the photos of a wonderfully photographed book. This is NOT one of them.

I don't own a cottage but feel like i do own a piece of one now that I own this book. It's beautiful to look at and read, I would very much recommend it and am actually buying a copy for a friend just because reading it is like a little vacation.

You'll thoroughly enjoy seeing the wonderful photos of these cottages, each unique and special, located throughout the United States. The authors have done an excellent job of selecting vacation homes/cottages, most designed by architects, and each truly one of a kind. The descriptions of the homes, and love that their owners have invested in them, shows in this fascinating book. If you enjoy home tours as an opportunity look for creative ideas that others have pioneered, you'll spend some delightful hours perusing this book. ships it promptly and it arrives in excellent condition.

Finally a book about cottages that was well written, witty and you can really tell you are dealing with a writer that has a true aesthetic of a variety of designs. I love cottages, and have been lucky to lovingly restore three in my life. This book might just inspire me to get started on working on another. Great book!

The photo on the cover is excellent but that's the highlight of the entire book. The remainder of the book is just okay. There are several additional nice photos inside but nothing in the book seemed unique or special in the sense that the average person wouldn't already know. I was hoping for some useful information and ideas to help design and build a cottage.

I have enjoyed reading this book - it is very easy to read and the photos are beautiful with rich tones. I enjoy leafing through this book and dreaming of my own perfect cottage, someday. . .

This is a gorgeous book that take syou away and makes you feel like you live in a cute little cottage

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