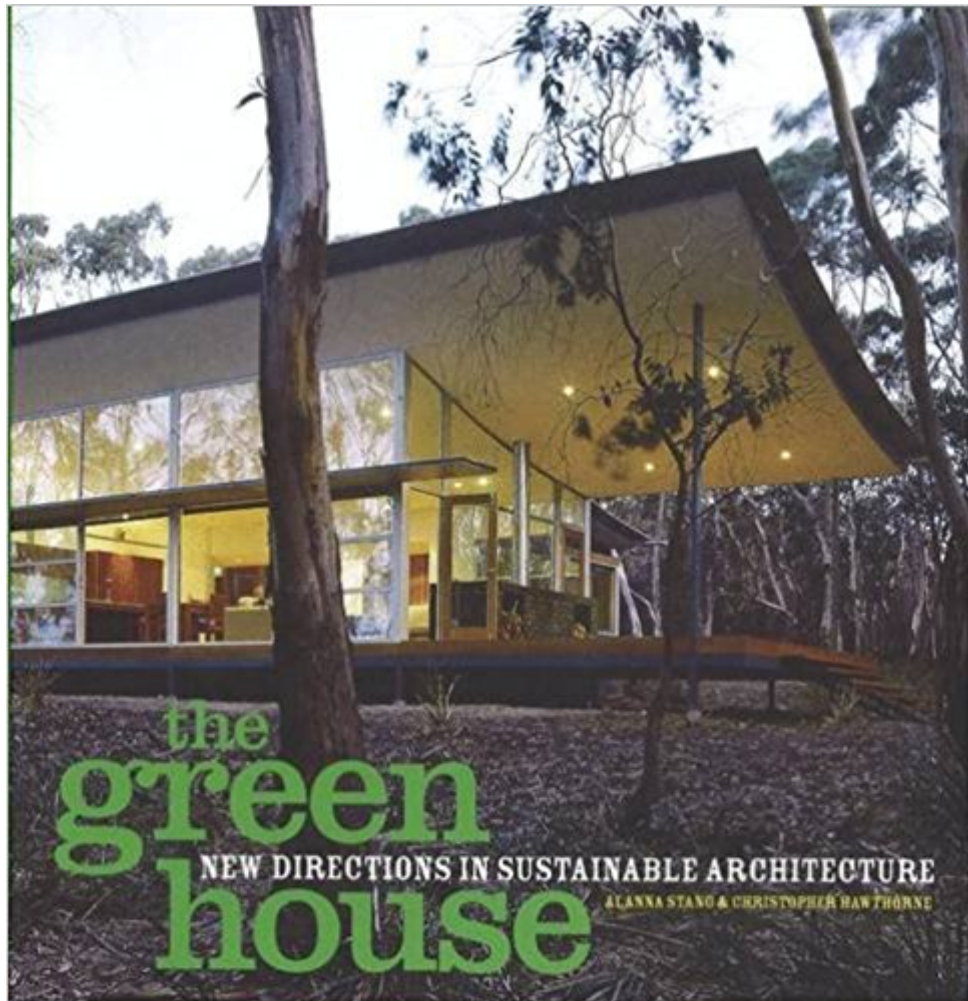




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The Green House: New Directions In Sustainable Architecture



Synopsis

From the arid deserts of Tucson, Arizona to the icy forests of Poori, Finland to the tropical beaches of New South Wales, Australia to the urban jungle of downtown Manhattan, critics Alanna Stang and Christopher Hawthorne have traveled to the farthest reaches of the globe to find all that is new in the design of sustainable, or "green," homes. The result: more than thirty-five residences in fifteen countries -- and nearly every conceivable natural environment -- designed by a combination of star architects and heretofore unknown practitioners. Six different climactic zones are presented in *The Green House* -- waterfront, forest and mountain, tropical, desert, suburban, and urban; there is also a section on mobile dwellings. Each chapter features a series of homes that show the diversity and possibility of sustainable design. Projects are presented with large color images, plans, drawings, and an accompanying text that describes their green features and explains how they work with and in the environment. Architects included: Santiago Calatrava, Shigeru Ban, Miller/Hull, Rick Joy, Lake Flato, Kengo Kuma, Glenn Murcutt, Pugh & Scarpa, Werner Sobek, and many others. *The Green House* is not only a beautiful object in its own right, but is sure to be an indispensable reference for anyone building or interested in sustainable design -- and if you ask us, that should be everyone.

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This book covers several ultra-contemporary houses featured in an exhibit at the National Building Museum. It contains a collection of color photos of each home along with text describing the approach each designer took in creating a sustainable building. The book is therefore a catalog to an exhibit rather than a how-to book providing construction details for prospective home owners. The text for each home does give useful information but construction is best presented in drawings and in-progress photos rather than verbal descriptions. To access the useful information in the book the reader must wade through the 8 point text because the photos are primarily pretty pictures of homes typical of the fashion industry aspect of architecture. The homes presented are trendy rather than timeless. In general, the expense of such ultra-contemporary design is contrary to the idea of sustainability in that it puts these homes beyond the limits of the average budget. If the reader wants how-to help and details about the construction of a sustainable home, look elsewhere. The New Net Zero: Leading-Edge Design and Construction of Homes and Buildings for a Renewable Energy Future, by Bill Maclay, would be a good start

Everything ok, recommended!!

If you are interested in green construction (like I am) , this book might already have been purchased by you for its cover picture alone. I am a sucker for good (and bold) design, and the cover is an excellent example. There are a few other bios for structures I like, but keep in mind, this was published in 2005. A lot has changed since then. Short span of time I know, but time marches on

(and fast!) There is a lot of detail, and complete floorplans are nice to see, so I'll give this 4 stars.

As a coffee table book of high-style architecture with a 'green' focus, this is an excellent book. Everything is well documented, and there are beautiful pictures of a diverse set of very creatively designed structures. I would argue that many of the single-family homes break the principal of building only as large as necessary, but that's pretty typical of high-end 'aesthetic' architecture anyway. There are also a number of green apartment buildings, and even one low-income complex. Unfortunately, I wanted a book on green homes built by average people, not multi-million dollar projects. Thus, I returned the book and ordered "Good Green Homes" instead.

Fantastic book with terrific pictures and descriptions, gives the reader a good idea of how different firms have tackled sustainability in very different regions. I enjoyed the explanations and narratives as well.

Ideal for architectural students focusing on sustainability or eco design. Leading examples from both different countries and hemispheres covering techniques and ideas

The book is great. It can be a good inspiration for any project that you're working on. Great architecture and interior design.

I liked this book and I think the other reviews have summed this book up well.

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