

Books

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ABOVE A two-and-a-half year restoration brought this cottage on the lake back to life.

RIGHT This lodge by Lake Michigan has the rustic, bold vocabulary of rough-cut stone and substantial timber. Photograph by David Bader and Matt Moran.

BELOW For this cabin, the screened porch overlooking the sparkling lake is the heart of the house. Furnishings are eclectic, with touches of camp kitsch and classic Native American motifs.



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Heirloom Houses: The Architecture of Wade Weissmann

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Some houses seem to invite you to sit down, have a drink and relax. Such are the architectural gems in *Heirloom Houses: The Architecture of Wade Weissmann*. In his new book, architect Wade Weissmann, principal of Wade Weissmann Architecture, takes the reader through 15 of his well-crafted homes by means of drawn sketches, renderings and vibrant photographs.

"At the end of the day, an architect is nothing if not a storyteller. In the thoughtful creation of a beautiful space, we are inviting history to begin etching itself slowly onto the floors, ceilings and walls of the built environment," writes Weissmann in the book's Preface.

The book clearly illustrates how he draws inspiration from house's surroundings to create classical edifices that are updated to reflect today's lifestyle.

Some of these adaptations to modern living include kitchens that are multi-functional and encompass the family room. The traditional living room is mostly passe and bathrooms have evolved to luxuriousness. What's particularly striking about Weissmann's designs is that many of the exteriors look as if they were built decades ago but the interiors are totally contemporary.

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ABOVE Heavy timbers distinguish the soaring great room, while a catwalk on the second floor overlooks the space providing a discreet observation point.

LEFT This structure was restored, rebuilt and reconfigured, while also being outfitted with every contemporary comfort.



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Featuring houses throughout the country, the collection of images in the book shows the range of his architecture. Among those featured are houses on a lake in the Midwest, a new-fashioned farmhouse, cabin retreats and Southern contemporary charm. As Weissmann says, "Our work has a level of artistry and intelligence that can accommodate our clients' unique personalities and aspirations for living." And by reading this book, you get to share in their lifestyles." **CH**

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