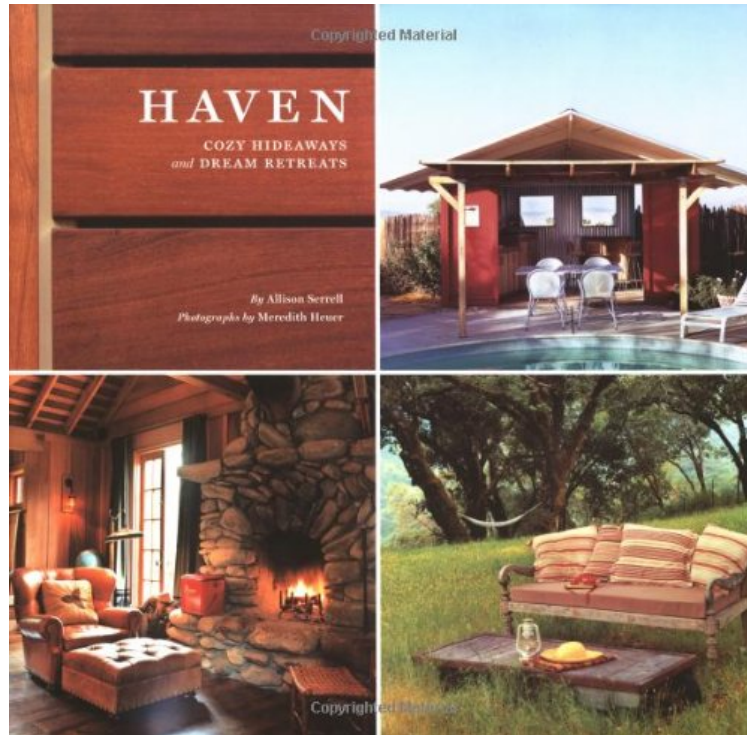


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring read By J. Martin Love this book. Years ago a friend gave it to me as a gift and I gave it to a friend recently. It's inspiring for those who love small living spaces or just interesting design in general. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Book, Environmentally Friendly Getaways and a Cool Tree House! By Lisa Fischbach I got this book as a gift from my wishlist here at . I was thrilled with it, not only for the fact that it's a really nice book, pretty cover, very heavy pages beautiful photography. I wanted it mainly for decorating purposes and I did get a lot of unique decorating ideas from it, but it is much more than a decorating book.. 20 different homes, vacation retreats and wilderness camps are featured.. Each one displays a gorgeous getaway spot that has been created to blend in with its surroundings while still offering the luxury and comfort of home. Many have opted environmentally conscious methods and offer ideas for using recycled or repurposed materials in their construction. Most of the beautiful, comfortable, romantic, scenic getaways are created to co-habitate with nature without causing further harm to it.. This is a book on the cutting edge of home design. Many of the homes and getaways shown are designed for nature enthusiasts and with popular pastimes in mind, such as camping, hiking, bird watching the beach. Many different styles are represented as well, from spare minimalism to the eccentric whimsy as illustrated in an adult treehouse paradise that looks rustic on the outside but is a luxurious showplace on the inside. Really wonderful book. An absolute gem. I don't think the description here on properly conveys how useful this book is for creating homes or getaways that are environmentally friendly. I highly recommend

this it to anyone concerned with the environment, even if not in the market for building a new home, there are a lot of great ideas for conservation in remodeling and just everyday living. It's also just a beautifully crafted book and makes a great conversation piece as a coffee table book. I have had sitting out for months and many friends have enjoyed it, commenting on it's beauty unique-ness. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Cutting Edge Home Design By Marina Kushner Create a getaway that's environmentally friendly and completely you. Learn how to live with nature instead of clambering all over it.

Haven brings together unique homes in which the dream of retreat has been made a reality. Each of these twenty hideaways offers something for every taste from a rustic barn to a desert oasis, from a modest tent cabin to an architecturally significant modern masterpiece. Throughout, the focus remains on communion with our natural surroundings and the peace it brings, on sanctuary from the noise and frantic pace of every day, on the sounds of nature and the gentle art of doing nothing. Each restful and rejuvenating interior illustrates how such relaxing spaces can be created in the home, with details such as an intricate stonework fireplace, a panoramic view through a wall of picture windows, or a tropical poolside cabana. Beautiful color photographs make Haven an escape unto itself as well as a rich source of ideas and inspiration for making dreams of simplicity and retreat come true.

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