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The Sea Ranch: Fifty Years Of Architecture, Landscape, Place, And Community On The Northern California Coast



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Synopsis

One hundred miles north of San Francisco, the Sonoma County coast meets the Pacific Ocean in a magnificent display of nature. This is the location of the Sea Ranch, an area covering several thousand acres of large, open meadows and forested natural settings and interspersed with award-winning architecture. The ecologically inspired plan drawn up for the Sea Ranch in the mid-1960s caused a quiet revolution in architecture. Renowned landscape designer Lawrence Halprin’s master plan incorporated a set of building guidelines that structured the visual, as well as physical, impact upon the landscape. Subsequent buildings by architects such as Joseph Esherick, Charles Willard Moore, Donlyn Lyndon, and William Turnbull have been recognized worldwide for their remarkable environmental sensitivity. This revised and updated edition of the now-classic monograph, the only one on the Sea Ranch, contains eleven additional projects and an updated account of the ongoing development process and land-management issues.

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"The publication of this comprehensive, beautifully designed and photographed record could hardly be more timely." -- Architects Journal, April 29, 2004"This book is a handsome, thoughtful celebration of the best of what survives from the original vision." -- LA Architect, July 2004...one of the most influential developments of the 1960’s...it’s genesis, history and present state are thoughtfully chronicled... -- The Architectural ReviewTHE SEA RANCH provides substantial variation on a few architectural themes and is worth studying for its details. -- Architectural Record, April 2005The first photos...bring you right back if you’ve been lucky enough to experience this

special speck of the planet. -- Society of Architectural Historians - Southern California Chapter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Donlyn Lyndon was one of the founding partners of the renowned architecture firm Moore, Lyndon, Turnbull, Whitaker (MLTW).Jim Alinder is an internationally recognized fine-art photographer.

We love this book and so do the guests at our vacation rental, Abalone Bay in The Sea Ranch. The book helps our guests get a deeper appreciation of their vacation experience, whether they are there just for rest and relaxation or desiring an Architectural Tour.

Reviews many houses built in the same site for owners with different needs designed with similar guiding principles. Drawings, and photos are balanced with carefully controlled text. The consistent presentation of each building is very useful The drawings are bit small for detailed study, but give a useful impression of each. This would be useful for those interested in this particular development; and for anyone interested in the consistent application of a set of principles to a series of projects over time by various designers.

Got it as a Christmas gift for my Dad and he was thrilled about it and couldn’t put it down for 3 days. If your trying to find it cheaper just bite the bulet because you won’t be able too. This book is hard to find used or new so don’t hesitate if it says 4 left buy it because if you do a search for.the book and try to.find it cheaper you won’t.

A beautiful coffee table book! Christmas gift, but I’m sure the recipient will love it!

This is a beautiful book about a beautiful place on the California coast!

Brilliant book for all those who love climate and site responsive architecture with a humanist bias.Clear, insightful text and gorgeous photography. Everyone who sees this book wants a copy.

As someone who has visited the Sea Ranch for about 20 years, this book is a tribute to what is possible regarding developing homesites yet retaining the natural landscape. This honors the minimalist approach to constructing homes and the impact on the environment. If you’re interested in architecture or just a love of the Northern California coast this is a beautiful book that can be

enjoyed for years.

We are fascinated by The Sea Ranch - both the original design concepts and the execution. This coffee table book is chock full of great photos, explanations, and maps - written by those who original conceived and designed what is today one of the most beautiful, peaceful, yet intriguing places along the "wild Sonoma Coast". If you have been to TSR or are planning to go there, this is a great prerequisite or review of the creation known as The Sea Ranch.

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