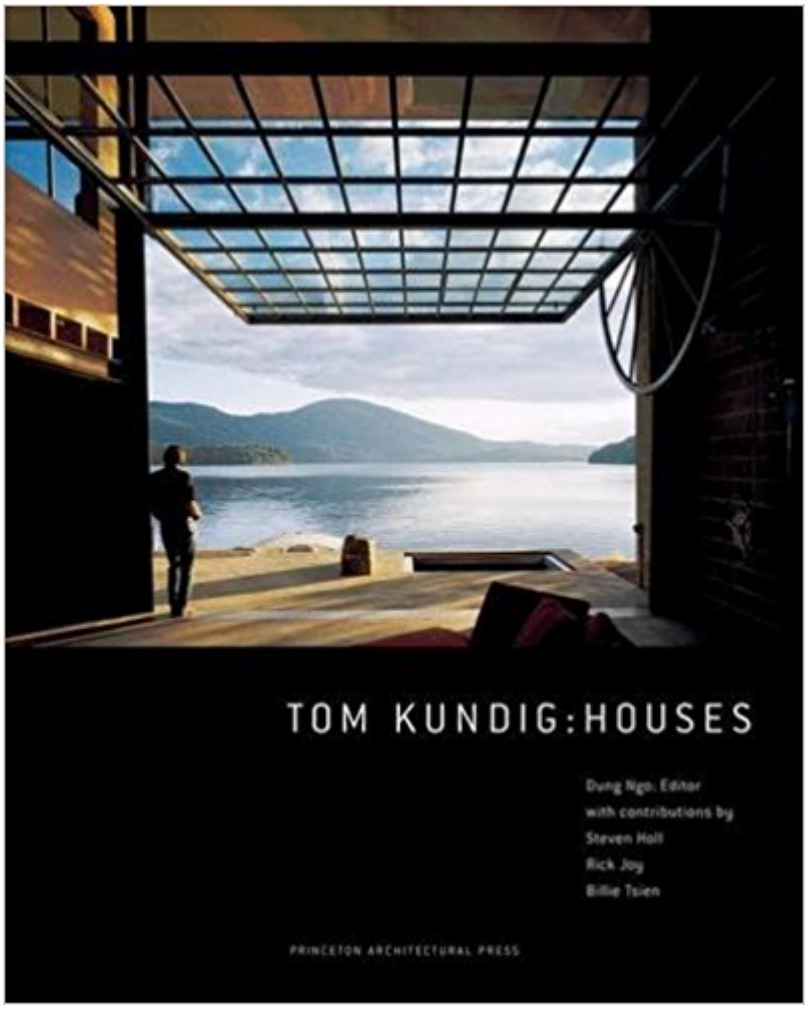
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Tom Kundig: Houses



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Synopsis

The work of Seattle-based architect Tom Kundig has been called both raw and refined, as well as super-crafted and warm. Kundig’s projects, especially his houses, uniquely combine these two seemingly disparate sets of characteristics to produce some of the most inventive structures found in the architecture world today. Kundig’s internationally acclaimed work is inspired by both the industrial structures with which he grew up in the Pacific Northwest and the vibrant craft cultures that are fostered there. His buildings uniquely meld industrial sensibilities and materials such as Cor-ten steel and concrete with an intuitive understanding of scale. As Kundig states, "The idea is insaperable from the fabrication, inseparable from the materials used."Tom Kundig: Houses presents five projects in depth, from their early conceptual sketches to their final lovingly wrought, intimate details. Kundig’s houses reflect a sustained and active collaborative process between designer, craftsmen, and owners, resulting in houses that bring to life the architect’s intentions, the materials used, and lines of unforgettable beauty.

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FÃƒÂ r den Leser, fÃƒÂ r den Architektur noch Handwerk bedeutet und der die SchwÃƒÂ¤che oft fÃƒÂ r unbehandelte, traditionelle Materialien teilt, ist diese Monographie ein absolutes Muss. Bauwelt

Dung Ngo is the author of numerous design books including Bent Ply: The Art of Plywood Furniture,

World House Now, and Art + Architrecture: The Ebsworth Collection and Residence.

We bought this with Tom’s sequel "Houses 2" and its one of my favourites of all time now. Primarily pictorial, with excellent quality photography and inclusion of designer’s diagrams. Theres always something new to notice on each page and the surrounding landscapes on most pictures are worth admiring in their own right!This and Houses 2 will be one of the few books we bring with us when we relocate internationally in the near future. Highly recommended to anyone interested in architecture, design, photography, landscapes or just an interesting book to leave out for guests.

I first came across Tom Kundig’s works in the monograph for Olson Sundberg Kindig Allen’s monograph (Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects: Architecture, Art, and Craft) and was amazed then at the refined "human" touch of materials and finishes chosen for the projects.This book focuses further on this aesthetic appeal by showcasing Tom Kundig’s houses only. It shows some of the numerous sketches and drawings that Tom Kundig drew in order to convey his ideas to the client/contractor. The level of details depicted in the photography is also breathtaking as it reveals the intricate details of bespoke door handles, hinges, rollers that the architect custom designed. I only wish I knew how long and how much each of his projects must’ve costed his clients because this level of detail in any residence is very. very rare.I highly recommend this book for anyone that is interested in modern houses that uses rustic materials in a refined composition~amassingdesign.blogspot

Superb, totally recommend.

Gorgeous & inspiring-- with high quality photography

5 house projects are included. It’s really helpful to understand Tom Kundig’s idea when looking at the hand sketche, the diagrams and the sections. However, there’s not any detail drawings which I expected. Since the cover image is wonderful but only printed on the book cover, it needs careful protection in order to maintain that image. I wish the image can be one entire page in the book. But over all, it’s still an inspiring book.

Im an architect, i have dreamt of the rich client that lets me do different stuff with little regard for money. Well, For tom Kunding, that dream came true. The book is awsome. A walk through of his

houses, his dreams, and a weird (but fascinating) combination of a modernist that loves and undersatands materials and handcraft. everything is understood in the big scale (1:100 or 1:250) but detailed and thought in a 1:10 or 1:5. its incredible.

Interesting book. I enjoy the mechanical and industrial focus they highlight in a bit of detail on the structures. It’s interesting how they are excecuted

Bought with Houses 2 by same architect. Reviews ranked it above Houses 2, but I think Houses 2 was better, for my interests anyway.I did enjoy the architect’s obsession with machines, but personally couldn’t live with them. I did like what he did with industrial materials, steel and concrete.

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