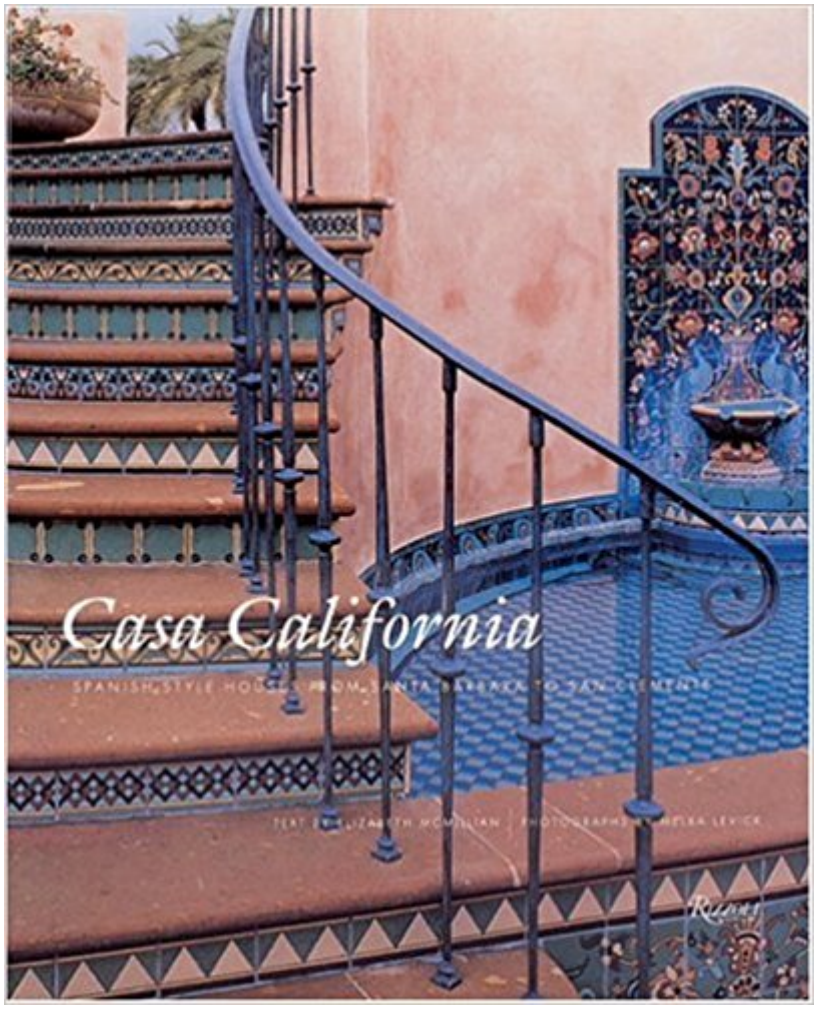
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Former Architectural Digest editor McMillian and photographer Melba Levick take great pains to allow each of these 21 southern California houses a chance to show off without being constrained

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Beautiful coffee table book.

An excellent coffee table book and conversation piece!

Great Spanish influenced houses of Santa Barbara.

Fantastic. Thanks!

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very good

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