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Coming Home: The Southern Vernacular House



Synopsis

Beautifully photographed country houses, mountain retreats, and coastal cottages located in and beyond the American South demonstrate this prestigious firm's talent for translating traditional architecture into charming and inviting designs. Interiors and exteriors combine the formal and informal—drawing equally from refined houses in Beaufort, Charleston, and Savannah, as well as rural farmhouses and rustic cabins in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Simultaneously elegant and casual, a Beaufort-style house combines classic revival details with painted plank walls. A waterfront retreat overlooking a tidal marsh mixes eclectic elements from Southern coastal cottages, such as a tin roof and sleeping porch, with Caribbean details like French doors and Bermuda shutters. Reclaimed planks and beams in a barrier island vacation home capture the romance of living in a converted barn. Designed for relaxed family living, these homes often include screen porches with swinging daybeds, great rooms with rough-hewn beams and stone fireplaces, and light-filled master suites. Their traditional materials, artisanal craftsmanship, and atmosphere of comfort and hospitality express the spirit of Southern style.

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Customer Reviews

"Coming Home serves as a loving tribute to the wide range of styles and influences that combine to form Southern vernacular architecture." ~Savannah Magazine
"Historical Concepts talent is showcased by a selection of classic designs that feature time-honored materials, artisanal craftsmanship and interiors that reflect our region's architectural traditions."
~Atlanta Homes
"This award-winning firm's talent for translating traditional

architecture into inviting homes is showcased with a selection of timeless designs inspired by gracious southern living. *The Citizen* "You'll find advice on how to combine classic elements with newer trends to create a decor that suits your lifestyle.

Regardless of your location, you can integrate elements from these rustic homes to recreate the inviting, historic milieu of the south. *Cottages & Bungalows*

Magazine "Southern living takes on a new meaning in this beautifully photographed collection of historical concept homes. Combining both the refined and the rural, traditional architecture and artisanal interiors bring life to the ever-present southern hospitality.

Society Diaries

James Lowell Strickland is the president and senior partner of Historical Concepts. Established in Atlanta in 1982, the firm has designed plans and buildings for the South's most respected communities. Their work has earned prestigious design awards and has been featured in numerous magazines. Author and journalist Susan Sully is one of the leading experts on Southern regional architecture and design.

Excellent examples of Southern architecture! Not the over the top Hollywood version, but the real, authentic "I can't believe this house is new" old South that I grew up with. No short cuts, real wood, nothing done just for effect, but all elements working together in harmony. Beautifully photographed, many ideas you can really use. A real must-have book for anyone wanting an honest straight-forward livable yet elegant Southern home or cottage. In my dreams I will live in one of these homes!

I bought this book for my daughter who is a lover of the antebellum homes of yester-year. She is trying to give that beautiful sense of time and a loved home to their new home. With extensive study and work she is capturing that feeling in her 5 year old urban home. *Coming Home: The Southern Vernacular House*, was exactly what I had hoped it would be to help in her challenge. It is a beautiful book with lots of gorgeous pictures that help us recapture the past and shows through the pages how to surround ourselves with the sense of long ago by the use of colors, architecture and novel ideas. I was not disappointed, I'll order one for myself soon.

This is a beautiful book with many beautiful houses and ideas. However, I found it was difficult to follow. I would have enjoyed seeing fewer houses and more of each house. I would have liked to

have seen a general layout of the houses, a bit of the floor plan. They showed a lot of exteriors but not enough on the inside and the layout. Again too many houses not enough of each one.

The design firm that creates these homes has written a book about some of the homes in their portfolio. The information and photos provide great inspiration for anyone who loves historic southern architecture.

What an incredible collection of Southern architectural design! Many a time a thought I was looking at a meticulous restoration of a classic Southern home, building or community only to find out it had been designed and built in the last decade or so. Superb design work and superb book.

I'm not an expert on architecture- normally not even very interested. I was drawn to this book after seeing a home in a magazine that had been designed by this firm. The photos are beautiful, comforting, and detailed. I am learning much about the history and utility of a classic Southern home.

This is another gift so hope I have made a wise selection.

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