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- Japanese-style guesthouses still exert a strong design influence worldwide
- Contains many popular, award-winning case studies
- Each project comes with sketches, floor plans, and an analysis

Regulations and social norms have given guesthouses multiple definitions, leading to diversified forms. This book will broaden your horizon on the range of guesthouse available. It provides information about assembling design teams, conducting site selection and spatial planning, as well as designing interiors. The book opens with an introduction discussing how sensory details can be used in crafting a pleasant space. The theory is complemented with 33 case studies showing how to implement these designs, offering a great reference for design professionals.

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