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- A timely, thought-provoking, and highly informative book on architectural designs that meet the need for a new ethical and sustainable approach to architecture
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Written by a world expert in the field, **Inspired Homes** offers information on contemporary design concepts and illustrates them with examples of truly outstanding designs. Current modes of dwelling design are facing challenges of both philosophy and form. Approaches that have prevailed in past decades no longer sustain new demands and require innovative rethinking. The need for a new outlook is propelled by fundamental changes to the environment, economy, and society. Design for passive solar gain, solar-powered homes, minimizing a dwelling's physical footprint, Net-Zero residences, and preserving a site's natural assets are some of the strategies that the architects and builders featured in this book are integrating into their thought processes and design practices. Locations include: Cundinamarca, Columbia; Burgundy, France; Devin, Slovakia; Matosinhos, Portugal; Jermanice, Czech Republic; Tokyo, Japan; Colina, Chile; Queensland, Australia; Lumina, Switzerland; Fogo Island, Newfoundland, Canada; Middlebury, Vermont, US; Venice, California, US; Truo, Massachusetts, US; Orleans, Massachusetts; Sag Harbor, New York, US; Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; Hollywood, California, US; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Curacavi, Chile; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Arelaugen, Argentina; Asheville, North Carolina, US; Forest Town, Johannesburg, South Africa; Colina, Chile.

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