



## Blue Sky Living

The Architecture of Helliwell + Smith

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- **Blue Sky Living** features spectacular designs from an outstanding Canadian firm including stunning full-colour photography
- The book is written by the architects themselves - giving you the inside story on what inspires their work

Blue Sky was born out of the ferment of the late 1960s and early 1970s, but it has proved to have much more talent, tenacity and imagination than most other idealistic initiatives from that time. Blue Sky's work proves that even in the 21st century, Arts and Craft style can work on the West Coast.

The projects contained in this book are inspirational and humane: Blue Sky are inheritors of the Organic tradition of Modernism. The work of Helliwell and Smith is deeply involved with the ecology and topography of southern British Columbia and their projects underscore the dramatic interweave of sea, forest and rock.

**Kim Smith** started out in reforestation planting and graduated from the University of British Columbia School of Architecture in 1984. Having worked on pavilion design for Expo' 86, Smith studied in New York and London and traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Africa. Kim began working with Blue Sky Design in 1987 and moved to West Vancouver to lay foundations of Blue Sky Architecture with Bo Helliwell in 1989. Kim Smith is the design critic and thesis adviser at UBC School of Architecture, and has lectured and exhibited internationally. **Bo Helliwell** is an Environmental studies graduate from the University of Manitoba, class of 1969 and also graduated from the Architectural Association, London in 1977. Having worked in Winnipeg with Etienne Gaboury from 1965 to 1968; Bo has since worked with Arthur Erickson and Geoff Massey in Vancouver from 1968 to 1972. After becoming a designer-builder in the mid-1970s, Bo Helliwell founded Blue Sky Architecture in 1975. Helliwell has exhibited at Berlin International Exposition 1984, among many others. Bo moved to Vancouver in 1989, formalised all architectural credentials and established Blue Sky Architecture as a partnership.

