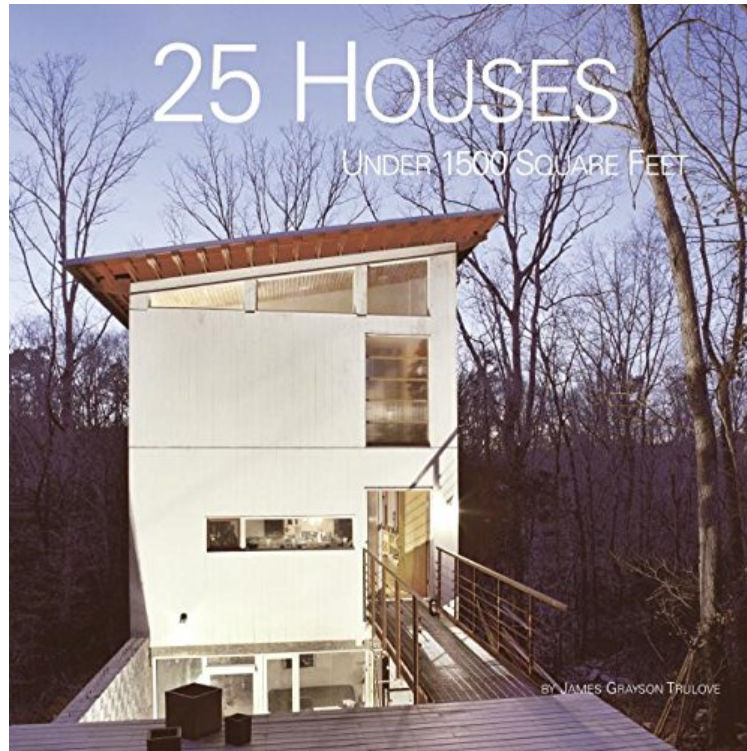


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**James Grayson Trulove : 25 Houses Under 1500 Square Feet** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 25 Houses Under 1500 Square Feet:

28 of 28 people found the following review helpful. disappointing, but better than no book at all By o-namee desu I'm glad that the book exists - if James Grayson Trulove hadn't bothered to slap together this flawed survey, you'd not get to see these houses in any detail. But I enjoyed "Gwathmey Siegel: Houses" more, and even preferred other JGT archi-photo books to this one. Only 4 houses (of 25) had enough drawings and varied enough photos to see and make sense of the whole. Plan drawings are present for most of the houses, which is a step up from photos-only glossy books. Alas, they're small unlabeled. In addition to the swap mentioned by other reviewers, p.30 is missing all its plans (typo/print-o), and p.128 has the 2nd/3rd floor plans upside-down from the first floor. "How," you might ask, "could this idiot reviewer possibly complain about so simple a transform, which he obviously ought to be able to figure out?" Therein lies the problem with this book: In fact, it *\*wasn't\** obvious how the house was arranged, because the accompanying photos were not comprehensive, nor documentary! Such is the case for most of the structures in this book: either multiple photos show the same angle, or they only really document one room in an entire design. To be fair, perhaps I should have realized this from the product description: 25 houses in 181pp. means only 7 pp. each. But with such a low page count, "white-spacey" layout, and largish photos, duplication is inexcusable. (N.B. Of 25 houses, 21 are modern-style. Just in case you were looking for -- or trying to avoid -- contemporary.) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Charles M. Seay Sr. Nice book, wonderful photographs. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Okay, but... By Coco the Koil felt this was lacking as an inspirational book. It showed

similar styles, and designs that are not very general, so it was not useful to use as a guide to come up with my own ideas.

Following up on the successful book *25 Houses under 2500 Square Feet*, this title will continue to explore, through case studies, the joys of living in compact, well designed homes. The 25 houses presented in the book offer an extraordinary range of architectural solutions for designing functional yet exciting, dramatic living spaces within a small envelope. The houses will range in size from a few hundred square feet up to 1500 square feet of heated space. As with *25 Houses*, projects will be located throughout the United States with some coming from Europe, South America, Asia and Australia. Readers interested in building a primary residence, a weekend getaway, or a guest house will discover how architects, through the innovative use of common building materials and careful attention to space and light, are able to create dwellings that belie their small size. The projects were selected for their excellence in design, innovative use of materials and methods of construction, each house comprises a case study that includes interior and exterior photography by some of the finest architectural photographers working today; drawings including site plans, details, and floor plans; and concise, informative text that highlights the design and technical aspects of the house. Architects and architectural firms to be featured include: Lake/Flato, Olson Sunberg Kundig Allen, Archi-Tonics, Via Architecture, Dean/Wolf, Belmont Freeman, Hanrahan and Meyers, AC2, Frank Harmon.

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