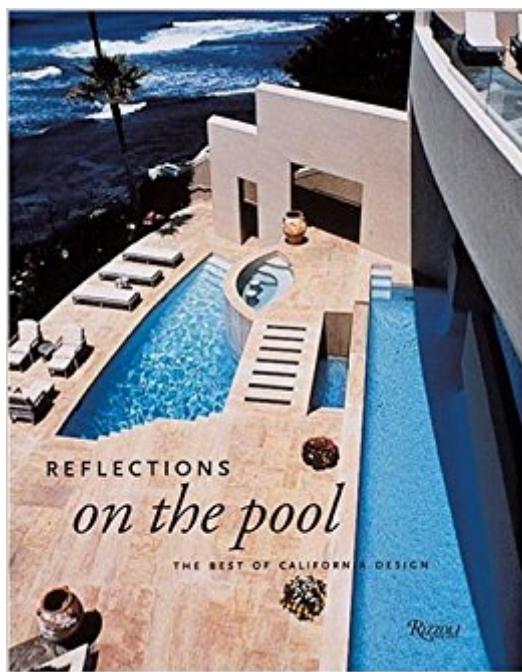


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# Reflections On The Pool: California Designs For Swimming



## **Synopsis**

Reflections on the Pool presents 40 perfect pools in 100 brilliant color photographs. These include the vibrant, Mexican-style architectural design of Ricardo Legorreta and the avant-garde, sensational creations of John Lautner, and illustrate the theories of the renowned landscape designers Thomas Church and Isabelle Greene. Each section of the book features a type of pool, or an element of pool design. Pools imitating nature, lap pools, architectural or highly ornamented pools are discussed in detail, as well as historic pools such as Hearst's Neptune Pool at San Simeon or Thomas Church's vanguard kidney-bean-shaped design of 1948, and other early California examples that set precedents for the pool, including the influence of Hollywood on its popularity.

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Photographer Melba Levick has published over twenty photographic books and her work has appeared in numerous exhibitions and magazine articles in Europe and America. Much of her work reflects urban and architectural themes. She is based in Paris and Los Angeles. Cleo Baldon is design director for Galper/Baldon Associates, a landscape architecture firm based in Venice, California. She has designed over 3000 pools in Southern California, and she is credited with the development of the lap pool, and holds a design patent for the contour spa with ergonomic underwater seating. Ib Melchior is a best-selling author of more than a dozen novels, as well as a

motion-picture and television director and script writer. He is co-author with his wife, Cleo Baldon, of *Steps & Stairways* (Rizzoli, 1989).

This is a beautiful book, filled with wonderful portraits of inspiration for designing your pool or backyard space. That having been said, more attention could have been given to procuring up to date color photos of some spaces and not placing pictures over the crease in the binding which splits the image and causes the reader to lose some of that visual information. Still, it is beautiful and does not go out of style as the people sitting around my coffee table come and go. Good luck.

Detailed analysis of a few each of several different types of pools: lap pools, "natural" pools, indoor pools, famous pools, etc., all in California. Not a construction manual, but full of details worth considering when designing a pool. A must for anyone considering getting a pool on a difficult or very special piece of land.

The photos are very outdated, many black and whites from days gone by, not at all what the cover reflects. I returned this book.

The photography is fabulous. Many of the pools were designed by the author, but this does not detract from the book. It is well balanced. The chapters include: the natural pool, lap pools, infinity edges, indoor pools, historical pools, among others.

This excellent book is focused exclusively on design. Very inspiring and unique. Do not expect to find anything about maintenance, it is a book meant for designers. A must for landscape designers and architects.

A lovely book, plenty of inspirational photography and sufficient detail to inspire the intended pool builder or professional. Coffee table interest

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