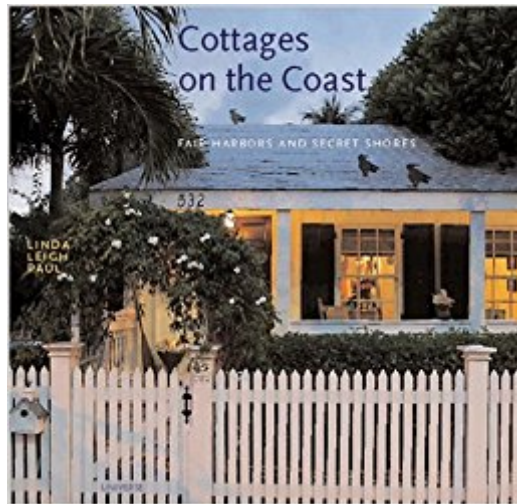


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# Cottages On The Coast: Fair Harbors And Secret Shores



## Synopsis

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Fear, awe and the sensual pleasures of salt air and fresh breezes will always draw visitors to the world's waters to stake their claim on a coastal view. In this pretty volume, Paul (Cottages by the Sea; Desert Retreats) presents 27 such sea-loving abodes that were built on America's shores. Her survey explores notable historic havens like a weathered stone cottage in Carmel, Calif. and Tennessee Williams's airy Key West retreat, as well as more modern designs like Thomas Bosworth's Puget Sound lodge, which strings together three small cottages to avoid disrupting the native terrain with one hulking building. From craggy outcrops in New England and the Pacific West to the glittering sand beaches along the Gulf and mid-Atlantic coasts, the welcoming scenes pictured in her vintage and contemporary photographs beckon viewers to linger in seaside reverie. 200 color illustrations. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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The Handmade Homes of Carmel, America's First Artist Community; Coastal Retreats: The Pacific Northwest and the Architecture of Adventure; and Desert Retreats: Sedona Style.

This book has lots of photos of coastal cottages and a little bit of history for each one, some are tiny and others are pretty spacious from along the East Coast to the West Coast. Some of them are pretty old and small such as the 500 square foot cottage that was built in 1906 in Key West, Florida that was formerly occupied by hunters and cigar makers. There are some historical cottages, such as the one once owned by the famous playwright Tennessee Williams in Key West in which he purchased it around the year 1950. There are also a couple of interesting cottages located in Carmel, California with their unique architectural features and stunning views of the blue sea. When we think of "cottage" we normally visualize a small stone dwelling with cozy rooms and a stone fireplace, but some of the cottages featured in this book, are anything but small, some of them are quite large such as the three-story "cottage" in Margate, NJ with its Victorian architectural features and balconies on all three levels creating a vision of the turn of the 19th century. If you're planning to build a cottage of your own, this book will give you some pretty good ideas.

I bought this book to both dream and possibly get some ideas on a home on the water. With no floor plans it was hard to tell if there was a home (second home?) under 3000sqft. Since each chapter started with the architect and interior designer, I got the message. Call me. I bought a year subscription to Coastal Living. I won't let this book crush my dream for a home on the water.

So fun to look through and dream about the kind of home I want to have one day.

Very happy with book and delivery. Highly recommend.

Lovely book. Beautiful photos and locations.

A nice book with great photos and suggestions on cottage decorating.

"Cottages on the coast" really describes fair harbors and secret shores as promised. It also gives pictures of very different but equally charming and elegant buildings, both exterior and interior. The locations are different (three coasts of the United States), as are the owners. Pay special attention to the cottage that once belonged to Tennessee Williams. A wonderful book to enjoy or give

someone as a gift.

I love to read and I love houses on the water. When I need to relax I grab this book. It has also given me some ideas to use in my own home to give it that cottage look. Very inspirational and easy to read.

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