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# Weekend Houses



## Synopsis

Home sweet home away from home... the weekend getaway is the perfect place to rejuvenate, a sanctuary for enjoying life's simpler pleasures. For those who already own a second home or dream of having one, this lovely volume of more than 200 lush photographs will transport sojourners from one beautiful retreat to another. From rustic cabins to grand farmhouses, from water's edge to country meadows and mountain glades, a weekend home is the perfect place to unwind. Taking an intimate tour of twenty-seven weekend escapes, revealing in wonderful detail both interior and exterior views, readers learn from the owners what makes each place special and why the perfect weekend home isn't limited to any one part of the country, nor is it defined by size or style of architecture. The real beauty of these houses lies in the casual, relaxed vacation lifestyle they inspire. A stunning photographic journey, *Weekend Houses* is the ultimate guide to leaving it all behind.

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## Customer Reviews

Penelope Rowlands has written for several magazines, including *Architectural Digest* and *Vogue*, and her work has also appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She lives in Northern California. Penelope is also the author of *Weekend Houses* (0-8118-2543-4). Mark Darley's work has appeared in *Architectural Digest*, among other publications. He lives in Mill Valley, California.

And actually, I've been to two of these get-aways. Owned by friends of ours. But all the reviews are

marvelous, and the photographs. This book is the quintessential coffee-table book that really does entertain and inform. Different locales all over the country are reviewed, and give one a real sense of place. You will enjoy!

"The real beauty of these houses lies in the casual, relaxed vacation lifestyle they inspire..." Casual and relaxed...? Vacation lifestyle...? I ordered this book, expecting it to relax me with images of quiet weekend getaways, tucked snugly among a grove of trees or a cottage on a windswept beach, as the cover and title "Weekend Houses" would suggest. Instead, it is a collective of million-dollar-plus manses, smugly over-decorated and far more complex than most homes. It screams at you with excruciating 'style' and manufactured charm. I'd be afraid to even arrive in jeans, much less put my feet up. Here's a challenge--try and find just one that wasn't built or renovated by a metro-turbo doctor, lawyer or television executive. (Of course, lengthy bios are included of each owner--do we care?)...It's gorgeous photography and the settings are admittedly beautiful, but unfortunately these "Weekend Houses" read exactly like most of their settings--stilted and inaccessible.

The last reviewer had it wrong! This isn't a just-for-the-rich type book at all. Quite the opposite. There are lots of examples in it of weekend places that are fun but not grand, as well as ones that are palatial and wonderful in that way, too. There's a prefab cabin and several very artistic-looking shacks. The author says in the introduction that style is "pleasingly democratic." So is this book, which is a real winner, complete with gorgeous photographs and lots of ideas for homeowners. The sailboat-house and sleeping porch, to name just two great structures in here, are really inspiring.

I love this book. The photography is beautifully done and it makes you realize what you are missing if you don't have a weekend retreat. It's a great coffee table book, as it's wonderful to pick it up for a few minutes, look at the lovely houses and read about the owners. A very cheerful elegant book, makes me think of summer even on the wettest days.

I like seeing homes from so many diverse areas. I also highly recommend another new book called Second Home. Second Home also has "virtual tours" of homes around the country, as well as great tips on making your own second home dream come true. Second Home goes beyond the stories of the homeowners to offer ideas I can use. Yet it's a dream book, too.

This is the perfect book for curling up with on a Saturday afternoon! Gorgeous pictures, interesting

text and a wide variety of house styles makes this one of the better home design books I've seen. I highly recommend it.

A book to dream on. Beautiful and offbeat vacation houses. Lovely photographs and a lively and readable text. More fun than a year's subscription to Architectural Digest.

A great variety of getaways all over the US and Canada. Full of images of why people go where they go for the weekend.

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