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Mary Emmerling's Beach Cottages: At Home By The Sea



Synopsis

beach house. The words alone have the hypnotic associations Henry James once famously ascribed to summer afternoon – “the two most beautiful words in the English language.” • Lifelong beach girl Mary Emmerling captures that implicit promise of freedom in her captivating volume celebrating the American beach cottage. Much of the beach house’s allure is in its reflection of a simpler way of life, a pared-down existence where the breeze is the housekeeper, the furnishings don’t mind a damp swimsuit, and the most precious treasures are seashells and memories. In Mary Emmerling’s Beach Cottages, Mary invites us into seventeen coastal retreats that capture that spirit, and introduces us to the people who take joy from them. Join Mary on a warm, intimate tour of unique seaside escapes, including: • A pint-sized artist’s studio in Key West • A dramatic black-and-white retreat in Newport Beach, California • A shell-lined jewel box in Laguna Beach, California • A nautically inspired Cape Cod getaway • A haven in Galveston, Texas, with sea-grass rugs and matchstick blinds • The homes of designers such as Barclay Butera and Rachel Ashwell • Mary’s own charming cottage, complete with beach balls, sailfish, and beaded curtains With gorgeously photographed profiles of easy-going seaside homes and innovative design solutions for everyday living, Mary Emmerling’s Beach Cottages is both beautiful and inspirational. Like a beloved seaside haven, this is a book to return to again and again.

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I live approximately 60 miles from the Oregon Coast and nearly 900 miles from Malibu and Santa

Monica, California...three of my favorite places in the world! I simply can't get enough of "beach" and coastal themes in my decor, my attire, my art, my music and my life...So what's a self-described "beach girl" like me to do when she's stuck inland and can't go to the beach whenever she wants? She decorates her home in that style, that's what! Well, today I went in search of books with ideas on how to decorate with my favorite style of design, and saw quite a few available. Yes, I saw the really nifty set of books by Rachel Ashwell on the "Shabby Chic" design style and even that lovely book by actress/artist Jane Seymour called "Making Yourself At Home" but the one that really captured my eye this time around? The one I took home? Mary Emmerling's Beach Cottages: At Home By The Sea. I really enjoyed the pictures of the various beach cottages in her book. There are some AWESOME, unique and very colorful pictures of home exteriors and interiors from various beach communities all over the USA. You can enjoy the view of the sea from Nantucket, MA to Miami, FL to Galveston, TX and of course, good ole Southern California! There's also some great pics of the "Shabby Chic" queen Rachel Ashwell's home in it. Now I must admit I was a bit miffed that Ms. Emmerling had overlooked the Pacific Northwest to feature in her book. There are some spectacular and beautiful beach homes on the Oregon and Washington Coast (including the San Juan Islands) that would've fit in very well in this book. However, when I saw that she listed some cool Northwest shops, then I decided all was forgiven lol. Maybe she can remember us in the PNW for her next edition?

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