

Brave New Worlds

WHETHER IT'S YOUR LIVING ROOM, YOUR PATIO, OR A LONELY PATCH OF DESERT, YOU CAN LOCATE YOUR OWN OASIS IN THE DESERT



The same goes for new furniture. That chair we thought was trying a little too hard? Suddenly we're empathetic. Although most of us never get the opportunity for a behind-the-scenes look at the latest furniture designs, that's about to change with *Design Secrets: Furniture*, in which author Laurel Saville reveals the inspirations and innovations behind some of today's most cutting-edge home furnishings. Saville skillfully delivers the inside scoop on 50 projects from some of the most recognizable names in design (Ron Arad, Tom Dixon, Vladimir Kagan, Ross Lovegrove). Best of all, each story has a happy ending.

DREAM WORLDS: ARCHITECTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

Prestel

Lots of books promise readers an escape, but few can deliver what *Dream Worlds* does: more than a dozen different worlds (of the manmade variety) to escape to. Oliver Herwig traces the intersections of architecture (on the grandest of scales) and entertainment (also on the grandest of scales) from ancient Rome's Circus Maximus to

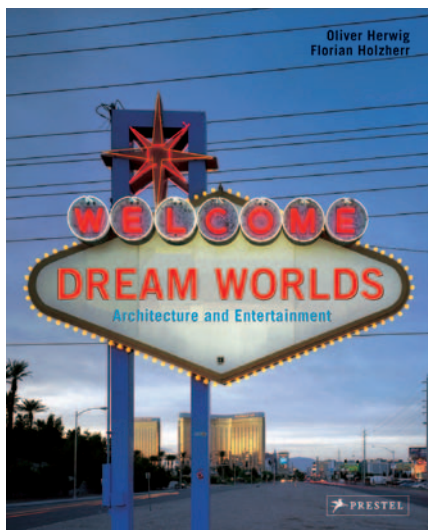
Disneyworld. Highlights for desert dwellers include Arcosanti — the "frugal utopia" north of Phoenix begun by Paolo Soleri in 1970 — and, of course, Las Vegas, which Herwig dubs "the first mediafied dream world." What makes *Dream Worlds* truly compelling, though, is Herwig's exploration of the often hidden connections between one world and another. The aforementioned Arcosanti and Celebration (Disney's rather creepy interpretation of New Urbanism) are showcased side by side as "urban laboratories." Turns out it's a small world after all ...

OUTDOOR SPACES: GOOD IDEAS

Collins Design

It's fall — time to venture outside to enjoy what author Ana G. Cañizares

calls our "unique bond with nature." Divided into three sections (Terraces & Balconies, Courtyards, and Gardens), *Outdoor Spaces* brings the outdoors indoors by way of hundreds of gorgeous photos (and detailed floor plans) from mostly modern-contemporary projects around the globe. Two desert projects are included: the Winter Residence in Tucson, designed by Ibarra Rosano Design Architects, and the iconic Kaufmann House in Palm Springs, originally designed by Richard Neutra and later restored by pre-fab-famed Marmol Radziner and Associates. Still, if you're in need of a little inspiration for those landscaping projects and poolside decorating ideas you've put off all summer, *Outdoor Spaces* will certainly do the trick.



DESIGN SECRETS: FURNITURE

Rockport

Anybody who's into antiques knows the importance of provenance. A good story can make us look at that shabby old sofa in a completely new light.

