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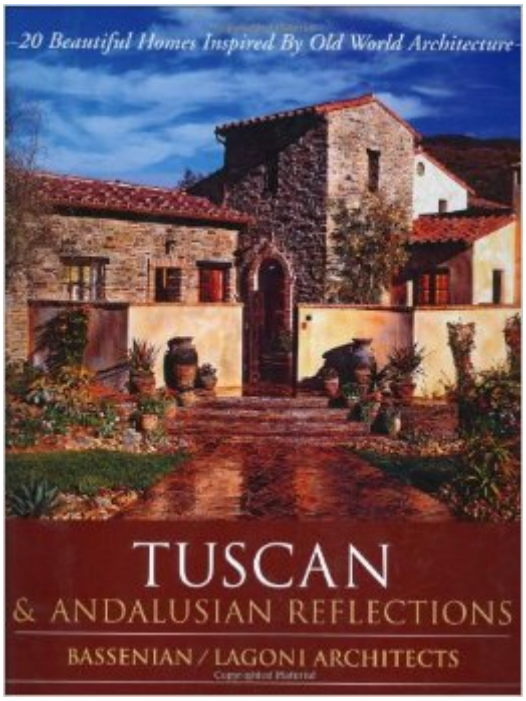

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Synopsis

Within the pages of this dazzling book, readers will find 20 of the most significant new homes designed by Bassenian/Lagoni Architects of Newport Beach, California. Inspired by the architecture of Southern Europe, yet totally new, these graceful, time-tempered homes display up-to-date floor planning, the finest amenities and picturesque landscaping. Built in the canyons and along the coasts of California, as well as in the deserts of Nevada, theses homes echo the architectural forms, textures and motifs of structures built in the hill towns of Tuscany and the plains of Andalusia. The homes range from stunning Tuscan courtyard homes in Rancho Santa Fe to a trio of walled and tiled Spanish/Andalusian designs in Irvine to an amazingly versatile family-recreation hacienda in Las Vegas. Each home is depicted by glorious color photographs, both inside and out, as well as a detailed site plan and colored floor plan with furniture in place. A special section for each major project entitled â œItâ ™s In The Detailsâ • gives readers a close-up view of the architectural design and building details that make these homes extraordinary. A very helpful Annotated Projects List at the back of the book provides a complete listing of the builders, structural engineers, landscape architects and interior designers who contributed to each project. Also included in the book is a Forward by A. David Kovach, a distinguished housing marketer and design commentator, as well as an Introduction by Aram Bassenian, AIA and Carl Lagoni, AIA, Chairman/CEO and President, respectively, of Bassenian/Lagoni Architects. For consumers, this inspiring and well-crafted collection will serve as a valuable resource of ideas for design, landscaping and interiors created in the Old World style, but with a fresh California twist. For professionals and students, this remarkable book will provide examples of innovative floor planning, adept use of forms and materials and execution of a comprehensive design vision that has become the hallmark of Bassenian/Lagoni Architects.

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Customer Reviews

If you are at all interested in California Tuscan style architecture, this book is clearly the only one on the market that details what production and custom builders and architects are doing in the market today. It has great detail on materials and design that will help any homebuyer distinguish California Tuscan style. The Andulusian part of the part covers California Andulusian in the same or great level of detail.

The Lagoni/Bassenian team knows how to put together unique Tuscan design with a domestic flair. I have purchased most of the other Tuscan design books currently available, and this book is one of the best. Complete color photographs make it easy to imagine. Gorgeous just to use as a coffee table book even if you are not using it for ideas! I LOVE this book! Their other book, Pure California, is also worth the money. These guys know what they are doing, and with class! BRAVO!

I love this book. I was looking for Spanish influenced floor plans and this book is great. It gave me a lot of ideas. Pictures and floor plans.

I first previewed this book at Barnes & Noble and knew I wanted to own it. I waited for a price reduction and purchased it at .The homes are high end, but I still came away with a few details I can incorporate into our new home. Their work is an art form. I wish I could afford to have the Bassenian Lagonia architecture team draw our plans. I even contiplated calling them to see how much they would charge for a one hour consultation to look over my pencil sketches before we take my scribbles to a draftsman.This book offers a delightful escape. The photography is very well done and if you enjoy design and art books, you will enjoy this book. It is a keeper and will remain in my library.

Whether you like this book will likely hinge on whether you enjoy the style of these architects. They refer to the style as "Pure California." It is specific to four season living. These would not function as

well in more northern climates.The homes are presented fully furnished and decorated. So the look is highly finished. I'd love for them to have included bare wall photos so you could see the spaces without the improvements of the all the coordinated furnishings.There are 16 finished homes highlighted. 14 of them have floor plans. There are three "On the Board" projects, two homes (floor plan & elevation sketches), and a golf resort with artist renderings and an overall site plan. No actual floor plans.So basically there are 18 (NOT 20) "Beautiful Homes Inspired By Old World Architecture."I deduct one star, because the authors can't count--and it is a marketing lie. Not a deception, an outright lie.The book is heavily photographic. Every page contains large and full page photos or a color floor plan.There is repetition amongst the designs, and you can see some style choices repeating. The open run from kitchen to dining to living/great room appears in multiple plans. But you can also see the variances they introduce unique bits to each.Overall, I love the look and character of these homes.In case you are wondering... Homes & Courtyards (28, nope 27, Beautifully Designed Homes For Outdoor Living) doesn't contain any repetitions. They feature homes from some of the same communities, with the same style, but they are different residences.

This book is beautifully presented and features some truly amazing HUGE American houses. To me it's just a bit too glossy though. The golden lighting and hosed down grounds and roads to make everything that little bit more shiny goes against the gritty, rustic, traditional houses I was looking for from Tuscany and Andalusia.If you're looking to build a house, there's some great floor plans and architectural notes though.

If you appreciate Tuscan design, you will love this book. From start to finish, the pages are filled with beautiful pictures of incredible homes. The photos are taken in a way that you are able to take in all the details. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys seeing beautiful architecture and design.

It was OK but didn't realize why until I actually visited Tuscany on vacation and was disappointed as well. In actuality and in person, Tuscany just isn't what it's cracked up to be. Have seen much more beautiful areas in Bulgaria.

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