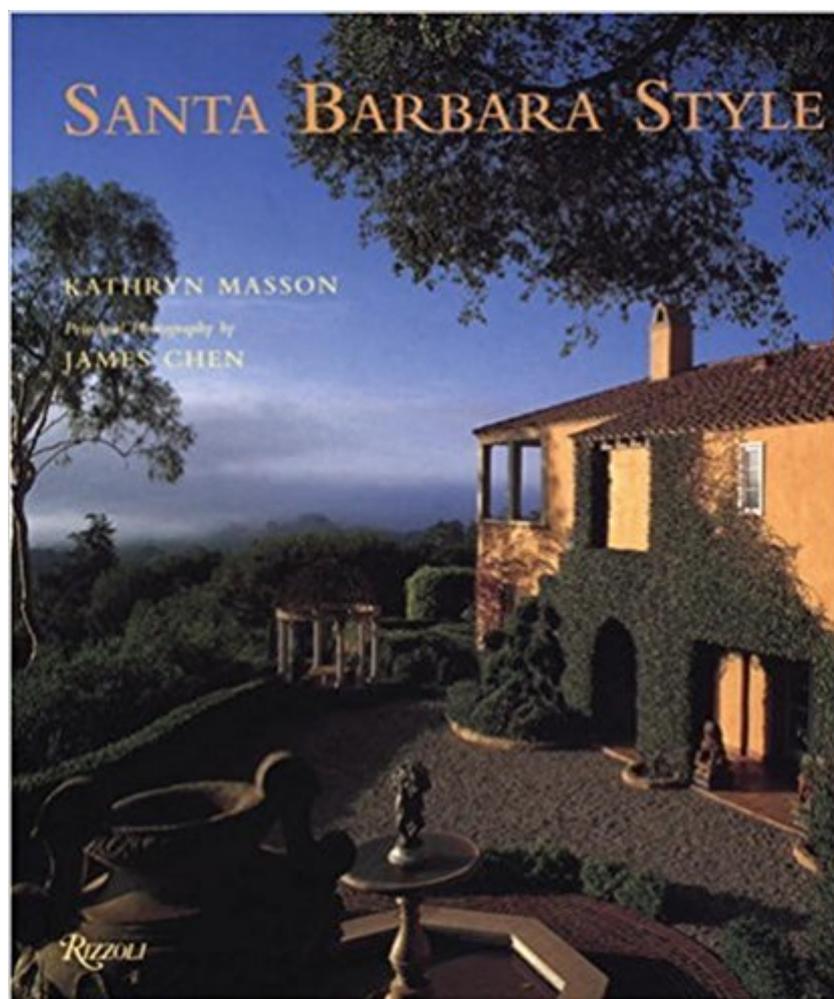


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# Santa Barbara Style



## Synopsis

Santa Barbara. For centuries this temperate, inviting locale has glowed with subtle but unmistakable light-- a beacon of warmth beside the profound blue of the Pacific. From the Chumash, whose predecessors can be traced to 11,000 b.c.e., to the present-day resident, vacationer, and tourist, diverse and countless peoples have been enchanted and enraptured by Santa Barbara's spell. In "Santa Barbara Style," author Kathryn Masson and photographer James Chen, invoke this magic and invite us to walk with them through winding and abundant gardens, onto the grounds of grand estates, and into the great houses of this region. Here we find the work of such architectural luminaries as Addison Mizner, Bertram Goodhue, and Reginald D. Johnson. We wander from the historic adobe mansion Casa de la Guerra-- built in the early-nineteenth century by town patriarch Jose de la Guerra-- to the spectacular, and aptly named, Villa Lucia (House of the Light)-- built in 1989. We are given an intimate look at George Washington Smith's Spanish Colonial Revival masterpiece, Casa del Herrero; and a broad view of Lotusland, the thirty-seven acre horticultural paradise. With each turn of the page, we see the beauty, grace, and style of Santa Barbara.

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I have seen many great books featuring extravagant homes. The best books of this type usually display homes in Europe. Well this book is by far the most remarkable home photography book I have ever seen. I knew Santa Barbara has excellent architecture, but this vastly exceeded my expectations. Buy it - you won't be disappointed. As for the other reader who was looking for shacks... if you think Santa Barbara is made up of beach shacks, you should get out of the house

more often.

As person who was born and raised in Santa Barbara, this book truly captures the beautiful architectural style and gardens of the city. Santa Barbara Style has a permanent spot on my coffee table and makes me homesick for the incredible homes and lush gardens found in Santa Barbara. This book is a must for anyone who is interested in Spanish and Mediterranean architecture. This is the true style of Santa Barbara!

The photographs are outstanding. This book is a great resource for anyone who is looking for ideas for interior design, or for landscape design. Great coffee table book too.

This is a magnificent book! If you love Spanish style architecture, and Santa Barbara, California, then this is the book for you. The featured homes are dream homes. There are pages and pages of beautifully decorated homes. I recommend it.

Santa Barbara Style is a must have for anyone who has ever had the opportunity to visit this gorgeous city. It is a wonderful reminder of the beauty and serenity that Santa Barbara has become famous for. Sven Klein - Santa Barbara, CA

Such a beautiful book, recommended by our architect and builder for obtaining ideas on building a real Spanish Colonial or Revival house. The landscape designs were fantastic as well. Another reader wanted to see "beach shacks" and was disappointed by this book. I lived in Santa Barbara for 6 years and I can tell you have never traveled there. No beach shacks in Santa Barbara. Try along the eastern seaboard coastline.

This is an amazing photo essay about the Spanish Architecture of Santa Barbara. I own several books like this and this is my favorite. Casa California: Spanish-Style Houses From Santa Barbara to San Clemente

It is great photography. Santa Barbara is my hometown and since I am away for a long period of time now I purchased this book. Initially it was to be a present for someone else but by looking at the pictures I was able to enjoy Santa Barbara climate the photography captured so well. I could not bring myself to give away the book. I am keeping it, as it is so dear to my heart right now since it

recreates the image as I remember and till I return to SB it will allow me to mentally visit the places I know. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in knowing the subject of this particular style of architecture.

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