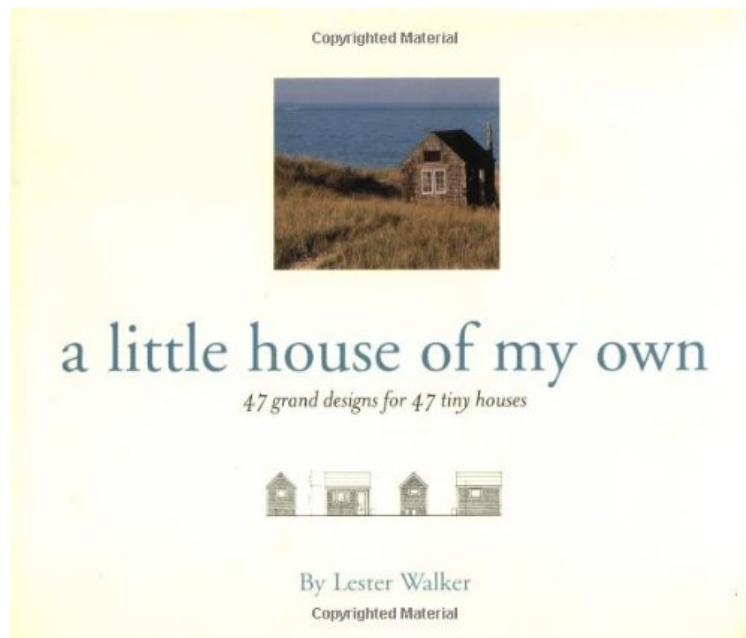


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24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. A Book to Enjoy; Houses to Think AboutBy James EllsworthWhat was the average home like in Plymouth Colony? What is meant by "living in a bandbox" (Philadelphia town houses in the Federal period)? Do you want to look inside several "gingerbread" cottages at those Methodist Church summer colonies? Can "America's first architect", Thomas Jefferson, bring the same style and elegance to a very small structure that he brought to Monticello? Where can you turn to for a modern timberframe cabin (or two) that combines style with a pre-cut kit? In "A Little House of My Own", Lester Walker gives the answers--in prose descriptions that hit the high points by explaining useful features; in lovely color pictures of exteriors and interiors; in three-dimensional scale drawings that show rooms as they were furnished for use.The author's selections of experimental small houses take us "inside" the architect's profession to show readers how one uses cutting edge materials or meets special housing needs. Unfortunately, these projects usually only exist as cut-out models and they are not as compelling as the built forms that have stood the test of time in so many of our communities. My conclusion: this is a book I have read and reread with great interest...and I bet you will, too.6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Please define "House" before naming a book about it.By R. WojciechowskiI am an architecture student on a kick for small/streamlined spaces. This book was referred to me after first falling in love with the Tumbleweed Tiny Houses.That being said, this book was not what I was looking for at all.Firstly, the book being named A Little House of My Own: 47 Grand Designs for 47 Tiny Houses leads me to believe that it is about little/tiny houses. While there are some ideas for little/tiny houses, they are few and far between. Many of the pages are taken up by small structures/shelters. Like an enclosed table, shack, or even an outhouse. While these are structures, they are

not a house in any description. Second, much of the pictures/diagrams are wasted in my opinion. Ok the book very much has that coffee table book, large print, and lots of white space on a page (lets say 30-40% of page blank). Then there is (usually) 1 picture of the structure, and drawings and diagrams. I really wished they would emphasize more on the pictures as it is hard to get a feel for what these things are in cases. One of the main diagram styles is almost that of origami, with the walls just folding out, but is just blank walls. While this diagram style does give the form of the structure, it is a REALLY round-a-bout way to get there. Additional photographs would have helped so much more than most of these diagrams. Overall, this book is just not that great and misleading. If you are looking for more Tiny Houses in the real sense, look to Lloyd Kahn's "Tiny Homes: Simple Shelter" as this gives a great jumping off point to many different ideas of the tiny home. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ideal for little-house inspiration
By Customer
Little houses are a big thing right now. I like to think my love precedes the trend, but eh, who cares! This is one of my go-to books for browsing and dreaming on the couch when I have a few minutes of down time. (I have actually loaned out and had to replace this book TWICE in my personal library.) I'm not a builder, but these little houses, with floorplans and basic measurements shown for many of them, make me think boldly that I could actually make one of these with my own hands someday. (Especially the floating raft house! My favorite!) The histories given for the existing houses are fascinating as well.

The charming and innovative architecture of these tiny cottages, studios, fishing huts, homes and more--so small and cute that you can't help but fall for them--will inspire and delight home and architecture lovers and dreamers, too. Each chapter captures the utter eccentricity of these ingeniously designed shelters with irresistible color photographs of the structure and interiors alongside detailed isometric drawings, floor plans, and multiple elevations. A Little House of My Own offers humble dreams of solitude, romance, oasis for meditation and whimsy--all under 325 square feet--as well as technical details of the structure from the building materials and woodworking techniques to estimated cost of construction. In the accompanying text, award-winning architect Lester Walker relates the story of each building, the community or setting where it is located, and the personalities that shaped it. Notably quaint homes from history, including Jefferson's Honeymoon Cottage, Henry Thoreau's Cabin, and George Bernard Shaw's Writing Hut, and features on wacky specialty houses are sure to inspire and delight.

From the Back Cover SIMPLE SHELTERS, COZY COTTAGS, HUMBLE HIDEAWAYS Wonderfully illustrated with hundreds of photographs and scale drawings, a little house of my own is an exploration of a unique and eccentric fascination: the tiny home. Featuring Henry David Thoreau's Cabin at Walden, the Fredericksburg Sunday House, George Bernard Shaw's rotating Writing Hut, the Cape Cod Dune Shack and many more, it's a charming collection for anyone who's ever wanted to get away from it all-and still have it all under one roof. "Part history, part fantasy, part builder's guide, this engaging book reflects our continuing fascination with smallness and miniaturization." -WITOLD RYBCZYNSKI, author of Home