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on Lake George, New York, with its granite boulder fireplace and natural cedar and fir interiors. Then there is the Endless Mountain House, located in Northeastern Pennsylvania, with its projected balconies atop crumbling fieldstone walls with a towering chimney anchoring one end of this evocative residence. The house appears as though it were built over ancient ruins. Nestled within these idyllic residential projects is the Pacific Rim Estate, co-authored by Bohlin and Cutler for Bill Gates on Lake Washington, near Seattle. It is a stunning work, not so much in its assemblage as in its marvelous kit of parts, from a barrel-vaulted garage buried into the wooded landscape to the beautiful timber connections in the main body of the residential complex. Here we see brute concrete and heavy timber blended naturally into the landscape, making for a surprisingly unassuming compound that incorporated many sustainable design features, including recycled heavy timber posts and beams. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic, but frustrating. By Andrei Mylroie. BCJ's attention to detail, honesty in materials, and consideration of site and light come through loud and clear in this beautifully photographed and printed tome. And it is a tome--it's impressively substantial. This is in fact one of my favorite architecture books, and continues to influence and inspire us as we develop our own house plans with our architect. In addition to the photography, I also love the construction document details, the complementary booklet of build and unbuilt works, cabinet sections, etc. BUT...like some others have mentioned the binding begins to disintegrate the moment the book is opened. I'm now returning mine for the second time. This shouldn't be the case for such an expensive piece, and I haven't had a similar problem with other Rizzoli books, including *Searching for True*, which is similarly bound. Without the botched binding I'd certainly give the book a 5-star rating.

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