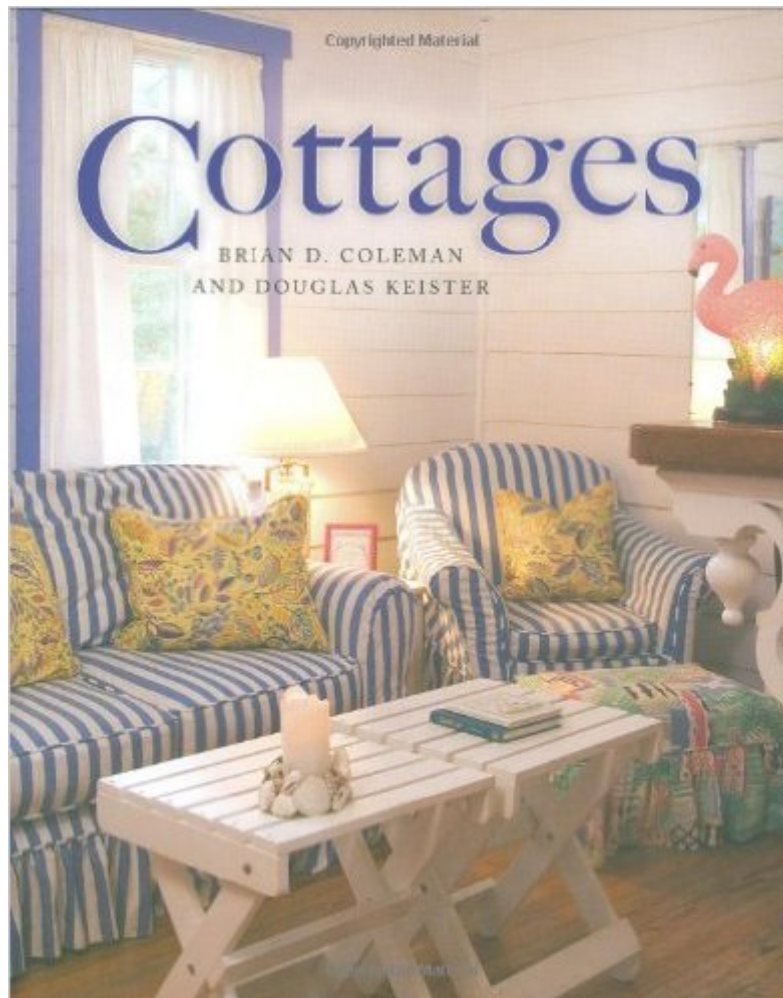


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Cottages



Synopsis

Cottages travels from coast to coast, sharing delightful examples from the Catskills of New York to Georgia's Tybee Island to Southern California and beyond. The popularity of cottage homes has continued to thrive; cottages share charming details that capture the imagination and creativity of their owners, from a built-in window seat to a front porch swing to an outdoor shower for washing sandy feet after a stroll on the beach. Whether it's a rustic mountain retreat, a sunny southern California casita or a simple seaside fishing shack, cottages are whimsical, welcoming and irresistible.

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Customer Reviews

I am all over any type of cottage themed book, so this was definitely going to be on my bookshelf. The pictures are really nice but the only thing that stood out when I first sat down with this book is how the author pretty much limited himself to one particular island on the east coast. There are about 5 or 6 cottages all from this one island, and all were fixed up by the same lady who rescues run down houses and breathes new life in them. Very cute and quaint for sure, but I almost felt like the book should have been titled "Cottages of " " Island". Because I ordered this book without being able to look at it first, I was a little disappointed, but all in all the cottages profiled are dear and sweet, so regardless of how many are within a few miles of each other, I will hold onto the book for decorating and color ideas.

It was easy to sit down and read a "cottage a day". Of course, I was not impressed with all, especially the non-traditional cottages. I was able to fine tune my likes and dislikes more with the book as there were beautiful pictures of insides and outsides and a nice write-up of history and descriptions. Most spoke "money" or were vacation/second homes. Many of the cottages featured were preserved and restored which I admire. I loved the simple furnishings in some and occasionally would catch a new idea for myself. I just wish that I could afford them. The book made a nice advertisement for Tybee Cottage Rentals. It is a great book for people who like to drool over those who "have".

This is a fun book to glance through and read. Great ideas on how to renovate a property and decorate a small space to make it look larger and function better. The author is excellent at renovation and creatively taking eye sore buildings and making them beautiful. Most of the properties are located on Tybee Island, GA, 20 minutes outside the city of Savannah, GA. The island had plummeted into disrepair and thanks to people like the author, is making a comeback as a quaint, beautiful island. We have a beach house there and I had no idea this book highlighted the homes I had been seeing on bike rides - truly run down homes becoming beautiful cottages. Also a good book on how to make small city spaces seem larger too. Great fun.

"Cottages" is the latest collaboration between writer/sylist Brian Coleman and photographer Douglas Keister. They profile fifteen homes including beach cottages, urban bungalows, historic houses and a cutting edge structure in Canada. Coleman's copy is rich and the photographs are gorgeous, but there could have been more diversity since eight houses are on Georgia's Tybee Island. Still, "Cottages" offers an abundance of fresh and invigorating decorating ideas, especially with use of color. It's the perfect book for for lovers of small homes and/or empty nesters looking to downsize with style.

Not what I was looking for. I wanted a book with pictures of how to decorate my home and this was more reading and few pics.

I ordered the Kindle edition and am very pleased with this purchase. There are retro, beach, and many other styles depicted in the numerous photos. It is a "fun" book and a pleasure to read.

Loved this book! Especially reading about the Tybee cottages as we were able to stay in one that

was decorated by Jane Coslick and we loved it!

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