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# Rustic Elegance



## **Synopsis**

Focusing on the work of Larry Pearson, AIA, who is recognized as a leader in rustic design, Rustic Elegance exudes both luxury and comfort, history and innovation. Pearson Design Group was the recipient of Mountain Living Magazine's prestigious 2009 Home of the Year Award and has been featured on HGTV'S Spectacular Homes. Features thirteen rustic homes from Montana, Colorado, and Connecticut. Ralph Kylloe, leading authority on rustic furniture, is the author of 20 previous books, including Cabins, Rustic Artistry for the Home, Cabin in the Woods, Cabins and Camp, Rustic Traditions, and The Rustic Home. He lives in Lake George, New York.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Poorly written and the added touches to the interior decor by the stylists looked extremely amateurish. Many of the house shots were done in the winter season making the houses appear cold and uninviting. The author put in pieces of personal information such as he needed to take a shot on via a jet ski. Who cares, just stay professional. The editor of this book should have caught

this simple style and polished or omitted the personal accounts involving the authors family. I purchased it used, and I was very disappointed with the book. Many of the homes were constructed by the same group of professionals, more varied examples and locations would have served the reader better. I have owned bookstores in the past and I would never have stocked this book.

This book practically sings out loud its song of adoration for rustic homes. All the homes in the book were designed by the same architect, Larry Pearson, but that doesn't detract from the variety of homes and their settings. All the homes are in the rustic style. The book is absolutely gorgeous! It's also huge; it's an oversize, coffee-table book of 256 pages. There are lavish pictures of the homes and their furniture on almost every glossy page. The text is descriptive and a little quirky, too (e.g. the book has a lengthy dedication to William Dawes, the unsung hero who rode out the same night as Paul Revere to alert the colonists of the impending British attack). These homes are in the most gorgeous locales: mountains and foothills out West and also in Connecticut, Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is in the same style of the Kylloe's other books such as "A Rustic Fireplaces" and "The Rustic Home", but it is well worth it to see the homes in this book if you have any interest whatsoever in mountain homes, lodges, and other homes that incorporate such a wealth of natural materials and high level of craftsmanship. Also, there is a list of resources such as furniture builders and suppliers, furniture galleries, painters and plasterers, architects and interior designers for creating the rustic home. This is a beautiful book!

I found this very disappointing. This book is comprised of photographs of the houses built by one architect and are so similar that you feel that you are looking at the same house over and over....

Used as a gift for decorating ideas. Well received.

great book - arrived in time for Christmas.

I really like this book. Lots of ideas for rustic homes. Love the bigger pictures in this book compared to his earlier books.

Rustic Elegance is a large, coffee-table book capturing thirteen U.S. homes designed by Larry Pearson, AIA. These homes apparently were built by millionaires without any budgetary constraints whatsoever. Many are called "cabins" but that is truly stretching the concept. All are on very large

properties in wilderness areas that are magnificent sites offering views and seclusion. Many offer a "lodge" ambience with one-of-a-kind furnishings that are evocative of the outdoors and nature. Each home is expertly photographed and the book is full of big, glossy, inviting photos that truly draw in the reader. This is the perfect book for picking up unusual furnishing ideas and for just sinking into on a cold, snowy winter day.

Beautiful book!

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