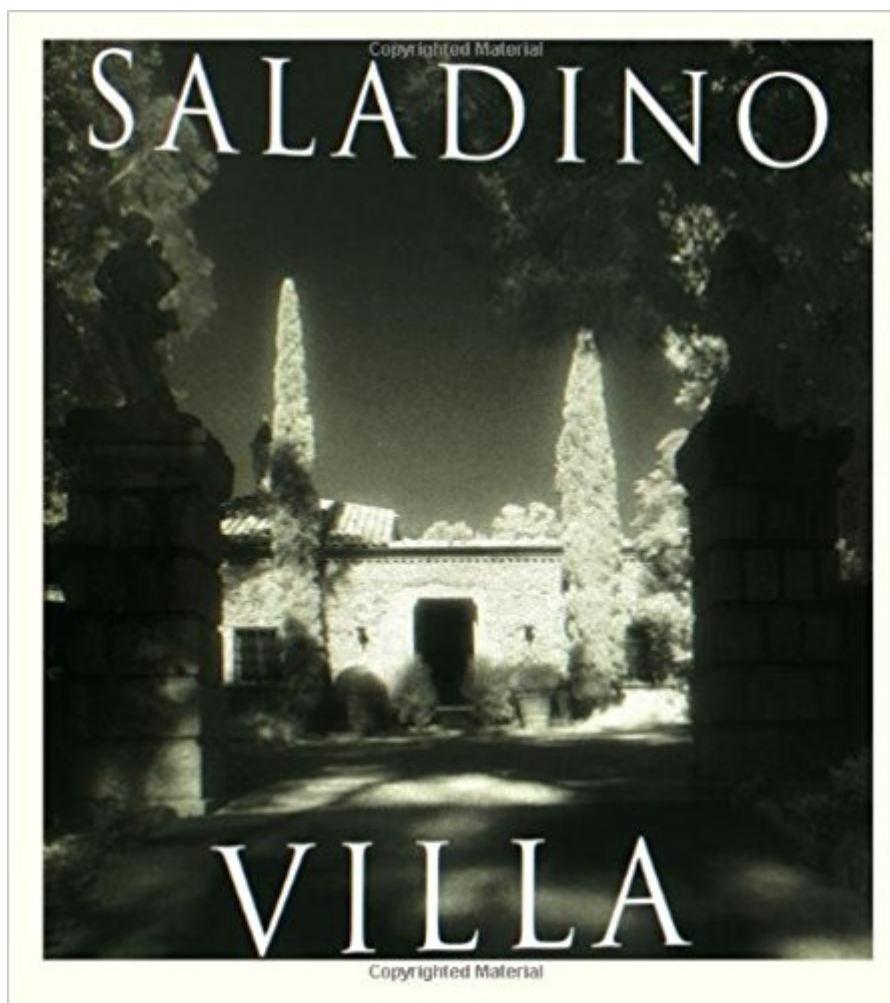


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# Villa



## Synopsis

John Saladino's powerful new book is nothing less than a master class in interior and garden design. *Villa* focuses on the stone ruin in Southern California that Saladino painstakingly refashioned into his dream house, and it shows how his principles and passions guided him through the five-year process of reconstruction, restoration, and decoration. With the aid of plans and drawings, as well as numerous photographs of the house &#151; how it looked in the 1920s, shots of when he bought it, and snaps taken during reconstruction &#151; Saladino traces the architectural work involved. Then, in a superbly illustrated tour of the house and grounds, he proves that he practices what he's preached for more than 30 years. Juxtaposing light and dark, old and new, classical and modern, monumental and miniscule, hard and soft, Saladino creates the serenely timeless interiors and gardens that are his hallmark.

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## Customer Reviews

From VerandaJohn Saladino is a genius at infusing a house with a sense of drama. The Manhattan designer summoned his muses to grand theatrical effect for his second home, a romantic ruin of a 1920s Santa Barbara estate that he restored during four &#147;relentless&#151; years. It's elegant transformation is the focus of *Villa*, one of the best design books of 2009&#151;or any year. Graced with breathtaking photography of his sublime work, this unique coffee table tome includes a visually poetic DVD&#151;a fifteen-minute tour narrated by Saladino himself. Together they turn design into veritable performance art. This showstopper of a book by

Saladino, a distinguished alumnus of the Yale School of Art and Architecture, fulfills its mission as a master class in interior, architectural and garden design.

John Saladino is a graduate of Notre Dame and the Yale School of Art and Architecture. He worked in Rome with the architect Piero Sartogo before returning to New York where he opened his own architectural and interior design practice over 35 years ago. It is now known as The Saladino Group Inc. In 1986 he started his own furniture company. He has won numerous interior design and furniture awards (including the prestigious Daphne Award) and he is on the Board of Directors of the John Soane Museum in London. His interiors regularly appear in international magazines including House Beautiful, House and Garden, the New York Times Magazine, Architectural Digest, Vogue Decoration and the World of Interiors.

This is a stunningly beautiful book of text and photos of John Saladino's beautiful home above the coast of Southern California. There is a narrated CDs included that is also wonderful.

This book is great. I would love to spend a weekend at John Saladino's Villa. JS is truly one of the greatest American Interior Designers we have to date - he's designs will go down in history one of these days. Interesting Fact; No other designer has ever tried to copy the John Saladino design style, and you must ask, why? - because he is that good.

I am thrilled with this book! It has stunning photographer and interesting commentary by the author by Saladino himself. The CD that is in the back of the book is a film traveling up the long driveway to give you a feel for the setting and features gorgeous cinematography of the exterior and interior as well. A bit pretentiously presented but anyone who enjoys the restoration of an old home complete with furnishings and art will eat this up. I still peruse through this one though I bought it months ago. A great coffee table book!! Dwayne

Beautiful photographs of the renovation of this historic California property. The text is extremely interesting also. Loved pouring through the pages. A must have if you love design and architecture.

I saw this book on a coffee table in one of my design magazines. I was so excited I immediately looked on and there it was, at a discounted price. Now it is at my home, on my coffee table. I have thoroughly enjoyed it...he uses muted colors that are so relaxing. His design is never overdone,

always timeless. The DVD, included with the book, is well done also. I would love to visit..if he ever opens his house for a tour fundraiser..I would definitely buy the ticket!

Reading this beautifully designed book is like taking a trip abroad. It details a loving restoration with the superb style for which the author is famous. A tour through this remarkable residence is exhilarating, enhanced by the book's lovely design and thoughtful text.

This book is a must if you are a Saladino fan. Photos are inspirational and give vivid evidence of his vision and genius.

Wonderful book and I loved all the details and the video. I could move right into his house and not change a thing, especially the kitchen.

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