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Surf Shack: Laid-Back Living By The Water



Synopsis

"Cabin porn goes coastal in Nina Freudenberger's *Surf Shack* [Vanity Fair], and here are bungalows, trailers, cabins, and beach homes where surfers retreat after a day on the waves. Peek inside the homes of longtime enthusiasts and dedicated newcomers that reflect not just a sport or passion, but also a way of life. Blake and Heather Mycoskie of TOMS, hotelier Sean MacPherson, Gypset author Julia Chaplin, and others have set up their spaces to embrace a casual ease and be the break between the waves. With vibrant photographs of design details and bright beaches from Malibu to the Rockaways, from Japan to Australia this book captures the soulful milieu of a lifestyle we all aspire to." A colorful tour of some of the most unique surfer abodes around the world, from Melbourne to New York City." *Architectural Digest*

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"A colorful tour of some of the most unique surfer abodes around the world, from Melbourne to New York City." *Architectural Digest* "Surfers are a breed unto themselves and their homes; hideaways and surf shacks are just as unique no matter where in the world they may be found. A nice rack to store surfboards, maybe an outside shower to wash off the ocean and sand, and an ideal spot to hang and dry wetsuits or surf trunks are mandatory everything else comes after. Nina Freudenberger has taken a good look at not only a number of these vastly different abodes but also a quick glimpse into the particular and even peculiar lives that are

lived there. Because after all, to a surfer at least, surfing is the only life." **•Gerry Lopez, a renowned surfer, an innovator, and author of "Surf is Where You Find It"** "Surfer or not, you've probably found yourself enchanted at one time or another by the thought of a life lived near the water. . . Some lucky ones are living that dream, with homes perched close enough to the sea that they can be in the water and on a board any time the wind is right and the swell is up and the mood strikes. It is this lifestyle and the home decor choices driven by it that inspired interior designer Nina Freudenberger's new book **"Surf Shack: Laid-Back Living by the Water."** **•Vogue** "Cabin porn goes coastal in Nina Freudenberger's **"Surf Shack"** **•Vanity Fair** "One of the prettiest design and decor books I've viewed in some time. There's a uniqueness and authentic unstyled beauty to **"Surf Shack"** that I could really relate to and the photography is beautiful. It's full of inspiring, eclectic homes and stories of the people who inhabit these very casual but modern surf shacks, and as much as I love my home on the east of Los Angeles, it definitely gets me hankering for a beach house of my own one day." **•Victoria Smith, SF Girl by Bay** "Some of the coolest 'shacks' on the planet from a haute-Bohemian hacienda in Mexico to Elder Statesman designer Greg Chait's stylishly mellow retro trailer in Paradise Cove, Malibu." **•Surf Collective NYC** "A surfer's life is a weird dichotomy. We live for fleeting micro-moments of glorious sliding, but the act of surfing is a small percentage of what we actually do. We also struggle against currents, wind, cold, and grumpy troglodytes. We lie to bosses and loved ones. We suffer sunburn, reef rash, earaches, and flat spells. We endlessly analyze weather forecasts and tide charts searching for the moment to paddle out. We constantly dance the passive aggressive 'my turn' dance in the lineup. More often than not our efforts end in failure. And still, it's SO GOOD we come back for more. We live for it. This book perfectly shows the wildly varying sanctuaries of damp, sandy tribesmen, and where they return for brief comfort to 'mind surf,' recharge, and plan the next amazing struggle for that finite resource." **•Fletcher Chouinard, shaper/designer** "Even if you don't own a surfboard, there's so much to learn from this gorgeous book about living a creative, authentic life." **•Emily Henderson, author of the New York Times best seller Styled** "These laid-back coastal bedrooms illustrate how to bring effortlessly cool style into any sleeping space." **•Oprah.com** "This book highlights many of the aspects that make surfing such a compelling pursuit with captivating photographs of homes that reflect the owners' authentic love of wave riding and a deep respect for nature." **•Paul Speaker, CEO, The World Surf League** "For me, the home is never about decoration, it's about personal expression and creating a foundation for an active life, which is exactly what Nina has

captured here. This book gives me a ton of ideas!" —•Maxwell Ryan, author of Apartment Therapy Complete and Happy Home"Surf Shack pulled at my heartstrings. While I'm not a surfer, I grew up on the coast and in the water. The homes in this book speak to that love and not only inspire you to reimagine your decor, but how to live. You'll want to return to this book time and again." —•Rebecca Atwood, author of Living with Pattern"A stunning new book." —•MyDomaine"This book perfectly captures the dreamy living of California surf culture and casual beach-chic interiors." —•Helene Henderson, chef-owner and author of Malibu Farm Cookbook"As both an interior designer and surfer, I feel Surf Shack is the perfect blend of my personal and professional passions. I could not be more excited about this book." —•Brittany Ambridge,, the images are breathtaking and inspiring." —•Jeremiah Brent, television personality and interior designer

NINA FREUDENBERGER received her BFA and bachelor of architecture from Rhode Island School of Design before launching a career in interior design. Founder of the boutique design firm Haus Interior and a line of nationally-distributed Haus candles, she lives with her family in Mar Vista, California.

A gorgeous book. Hoping for a sequel!

A terrific coffee table book for the home.

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This book is as beautiful in person as I'd hoped from taking a peek at the preview. Featuring super chic / chill "surf shacks" from across the globe, plus stories about the people who live this awesomely laid-back surf-positive lifestyle, it's a book that takes you into a very specific world. It's a great getaway read, and an ideal accent for any coffee or end table. I've had a few guests over since I received it and everyone gravitates toward it. Even now that I've already read it (the words really are as compelling as the images), I find myself returning to it again and again.

Many coffee table books collect dust once they're placed on display. Not so with this lovely tome! Yes, it's pretty enough to sit on my shelf, but it also collects old-fashioned page views from visiting family and friends. The photographs are drenched in light and chock full of design inspiration. Best

of all, the images and text really transport you to the many exotic and far-flung locales featured in the book. It's a must-read for anyone looking to create a laid-back, bohemian vibe in their space.

This book was everything I hoped it would be and more. Nina Freudenberger is an incredible talent, with a top eye for beautiful design. Her unique sensibility creates artful yet liveable inviting spaces. After reading this book, I sent it to all my friends as gifts. Everyone shared the same sentiment.

My new favorite coffee table book! Fascinating collection of homes, beautiful photography and overall best design book I've purchased in a long time. I don't surf but this book makes me want to! I've already purchased a second as a gift....Surf Shack will be my go-to hostess gift all summer long.

This is a beautiful book! The book design underscores the designs captured in the stunning photographs, and I appreciate how carefully considered all of these details are - I'm also taking away so many interior design ideas. I'm really enjoying the matte finish of the pages and can feel the Southern Californian light coming through, and, while I live in New York, I feel instantly transported. A must-buy for your friends, family, and mainly yourself!

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