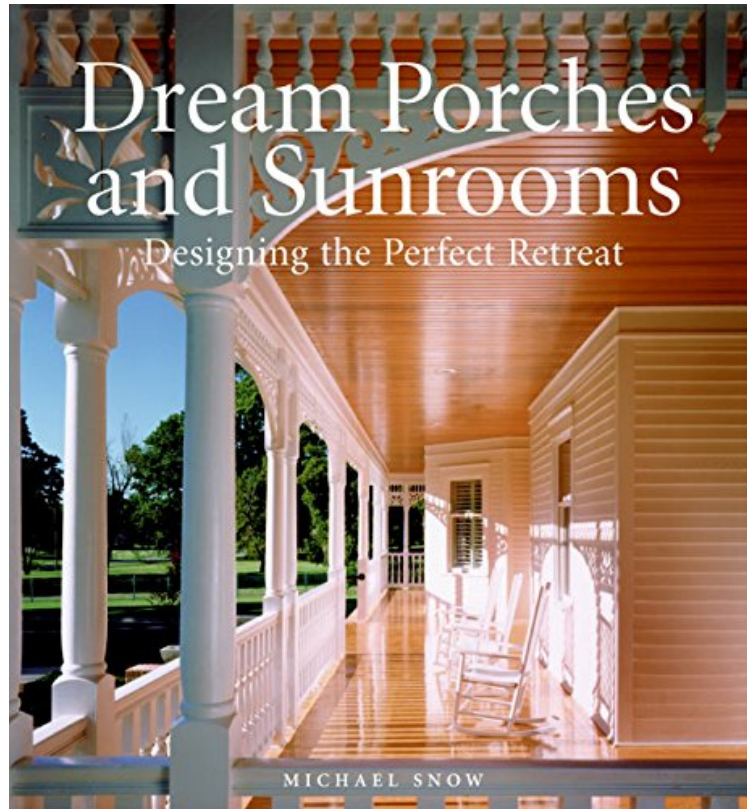


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Jim MarshallNot enough plans.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Glenda S. GordonPleased22 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Misleading Title; Disappointing ContentsBy A Coastal ReaderThough the word "sunrooms" is included in the title, there are fewer than five sunrooms featured in this book.Most of the featured houses would cost \$3-5million if purchased in California. The porch on the front cover is illustrative of the porches featured inside. If you can't afford the house that goes with that porch, you won't be able to afford the porches on the interior either.This complaint is no small matter--the issues that arise in trying to make the most of limited space with a limited budget are different from the issues faced by a multi-millionaire designing a dream house with a dream view.The self-congratulatory text concludes, "You've seen spectacular examples of porch design and been directed to the details that set them apart. Along the way, you've witnessed what is possible no matter the circumstances, regardless of the size of a house." I disagree.

Porches not only provide a practical function by extending living and entertaining space, but they also fulfill aesthetic

and social needs by exuding a sense of welcome and creating an appealing transition from indoor to outdoor. In *Dream Porches and Sunrooms*, homeowners are invited to discover the simple pleasures these additions can bring to their life by envisioning the various design possibilities available as well as gaining an overview of the porch creation process. This highly-visual resource book overflows with vibrant color photography showcasing diverse outdoor additions in a variety of exterior styles arranged by purpose (dining, entertaining, relaxing, etc.) and location (city, suburbs, small town, waterfront), demonstrating how homeowners can select a design to suit their particular living space and needs. Sketched plan diagrams are included with many of the photos, and an in-depth chapter on the elements of "porch style" encompasses a wealth of decorative options for further inspiration. *Dream Porches and Sunrooms* also highlights the important practical considerations to take into account before embarking on a porch project and selecting a suitable design. It concludes with a final chapter outlining the key choices and elements involved in the porch construction process, rendering them in a clear, concise manner using a mix of text and pictorial examples along with helpful checklists and sidebars.