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Editorial Review

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Recipient of the 2002 Pritzker Architectural Prize, Murcutt is noted as Australia's chief exponent of sustainable and site-sensitive buildings. Working alone, as the title suggests, he created an original Australian architecture, characterized by the quality of the outback landscape. His buildings have evolved from the work of Mies van der Rohe (e.g., Mies's Crown Hall at the Illinois Institute of Technology), as seen in structures dating from the Laurie Short House of 1973 to the more expressive Magney House of 1985. Written by architecture critics Haig Beck and Jackie Cooper and divided into three sections-theory, practice, and technique-the volume begins with a series of brief essays, including one by Murcutt himself, on the technical, material, and aesthetic aspects of the work; oddly, none of these essays acknowledges the architect's obvious debt in his early work to Mies. In the middle section, 23 designs, illustrated with color and black-and-white photographs, are presented with brief, sometimes overly promotional descriptions and more insightful analyses by the architect. In the final section, a series of highly informative sketches, drawings, and construction details documents each of the same designs. Complementing E.M. Farrelly's more concise but ultimately more satisfying *Three Houses: Glenn Murcutt*, this volume is recommended for larger architecture collections.

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