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Louis Wasserman, M. Caren Connolly : Ranches: Design Ideas for Renovating, Remodeling, and Build (Updating Classic America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ranches: Design Ideas for Renovating, Remodeling, and Build (Updating Classic America):

59 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful, informative, inspiring. By Ruth Henriquez Lyon After having lived for years in a boring, utilitarian ranch home, I had no idea that a ranch house could be as elegant as the homes in this book. Even though the authors present some very high-end renovations, with some imagination many of the basic ideas can be translated into more economical ways of updating your home. The first thing you notice when flipping through the book is the sheer number and beauty of the color photographs. There is a color photo on just about every page. When there's not, then there is a diagram, such as "Fireplace Options," which shows you several ways to design an updated fireplace. Other diagrams show "before and after" floor plans, and a plan showing the early roots of the original ranch homes. Thus, it's not just pretty pictures presented here--there's a lot of nuts and bolts information. The authors start off with a history of the ranch style, since it helps when updating to keep within the original concepts that the style evolved with. I learned that the current ranch design was originally popularized by

designer Cliff May in California. But May drew inspiration from the traditional ranchos of the southwest. These ranchos in turn had evolved over the millennia from the atrium houses of the Romans. These ancient houses were "closed off" from the streets, whilst providing a private outdoor space for family living, the same as many ranches today. The authors discuss how in ranch houses form follows function. For instance, typical ranch houses have been built with large windows to allow for passive solar heating--thus these were the some of the first energy efficient houses. Also, there were often more large windows and glass doors in the back of the house than the front. This is because ranches were built for privacy on the street side, with openness to the back yard in order to integrate indoor and outdoor living. Thus in ranches, windows are designed with energy use, privacy, and enjoyment of nature in mind. When remodeling an older ranch this information can be valuable in improving the look and functioning of the house. The ranch home doesn't have to be boring and ugly. As the authors state, many ranch neighborhoods are becoming attractive to buyers again. That's because they have shady trees, and attractive back yards with an abundance of natural beauty which can be enjoyed from the house. The ranch design was built with adding on and remodeling in mind, so removing walls or tinkering with floor plans is often easier than with other styles of houses. This lovely book shows you how, and will inspire you to dream of ways to do it in a more modest fashion if your budget requires economizing.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellence coffee table book
By JIbf This is an excellent coffee table book. The photos and side are well done beautifully taken and show a wonderful selection of different types of ranch homes decorated inside and out.

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By VRO This isn't even a new book but it's delightful to read about the old ranch-style houses that were remodeled / updated. Makes us want to buy one or even build one with all the updates in it right from the start. Have often chuckled that this design of house is called a "Rancher" because, of all the ranches we've seen - and we live in ranch country, none has had a house like any of these.... not even before updating. Again though, it's a wonderful design that can be adjusted to accommodate a lot of different lifestyles. And it can be updated or built as cheaply or as expensively as one needs. In this era of "bigger is not necessarily better" the old Ranch-style houses are again in the right place at the right time.

Transform an ordinary ranch into the home you've always wanted with *Ranches*, the latest entry in Taunton's acclaimed *Updating Classic America* series. The ranch can be found everywhere on both coasts and in America's heartland too. The ranch is simple, functional, and unassuming -- and homeowners are rediscovering just how flexible and affordable ranches can be. M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman provide a unique combination of outstanding designs and proven ideas for renovating, remodeling, and building a ranch-style home. Featuring more than 20 examples of updated homes and new ranches, the book is illustrated with inspiring original color photography and before and after floor plans. In this book you'll discover: a wealth of successful design solutions to problems faced by the millions of people who own or build ranch-style homes options for a variety of budgets, styles and sizes a history and overview of the form as well as a glossary of typical design elements/details for people who want to restore their homes

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