



In Situ

Unique Homes Crafted for California Living

Mark English Architects

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- This beautifully illustrated monograph provides insight into the ideology behind the firm's residential designs – unique homes that sensitively respond to their site and embody the indoor-outdoor lifestyle of California
- Mark English Architects provides a detailed and in-depth look into the design process behind seven stunning residential projects
- Large, color photographs showcase the beauty of the homes, their architectural detail, quality of light, and connection to landscape
- The book features projects around Northern California, including San Francisco, Carmel Valley, and Silicon Valley
- Plans, renders, drawings, scale models, and site photographs illustrate the design and construction process, from the conceptual idea through to the final build

Mark English Architects believes every home is a prototype, developed in collaboration with the client, landscape, topography, climate, and cultural considerations. ***in Situ: Unique Homes Crafted for California Living*** provides an inspiring glimpse into seven residences designed by Mark English, along with a close examination of the firm's design approach.

Landscape and climate play a vital role in every project, with buildings and spaces designed to celebrate their California location, whether it's the city, coast, or mountains. Each residential design is a sensitive and creative response to the site and environment and reflects the firm's inherent understanding of the Golden State's relaxed indoor-outdoor lifestyle. The practice draws on the California vernacular of open-plan living, light-filled spaces, and natural materials to blur the boundaries of inside and outside, and embeds every design with a layer of artistry to create meaningful homes for their residents.

This beautifully illustrated monograph features color photography, renders, plans, drawings, scale models and site photographs that showcase Mark English Architects' design and construction process and reveal how these unique homes are crafted for California living.

Mark English AIA is a Bay Area native and founded his practice, Mark English Architects, in 1992. Mark has served as a board member at AIA San Francisco, AIA California, and AIA National Small Firm Exchange. He has also served on several design awards juries including the 2020 AIA National Small Projects Awards, 2018 AIA California Residential Design Awards and 2013 AIASF Constructed Realities Design Awards.

Mark's work has won numerous design awards including an AIASF 2024 Design Award, 2024 RD Residential Design Architecture Award and several SARA Design Awards. He is the editor of respected online magazine *The Architects' Take*, which features original interviews and commentary. As an early proponent of social media, Mark has presented to the AIA and affiliated groups regarding the effective use of new media.

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