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# House Rules: An Architect's Guide To Modern Life



## Synopsis

Drawing on examples of her own distinctive, humane modern design, celebrated architect Deborah Berke demonstrates how to create a serene haven for contemporary living. *House Rules* documents the beauty and relevance of Deborah Berke's vision by articulating eight guiding principles to achieve an enriching domestic space. Her rules range from how to design a meaningful sequence from indoors to out, to the need for abundant storage to live an uncluttered life. *House Rules* delves deep into Berke's working process and her thoughtful approach to design, showcasing more than fifty residences. An inspiring guide for home owners and those aspiring to build a house, *House Rules* also addresses such timely factors as environmental sustainability and innovative construction techniques. Drawing on these examples of her user-friendly contemporary designs, *House Rules* demonstrates how to craft a serene space for modern living. Photographs of compelling details richly illustrate her principles, underscoring both the poetry and practicality of her ideas.

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"a clear and thoughtful explanation of her philosophy, which both design veterans and laypeople can easily grasp and put to use." It is refreshing to find a design book with clear steps and insights into a particular architect's process. The captions for the photos are helpful poetic summaries of the firm's basic concepts, and the images explain those concepts in a straightforward way, which also is helpful." EAST HAMPTON STAR

Deborah Berke is a New York City firm, Deborah Berke Partners, has created an extensive body of work with a distinct and lasting character, including a significant portfolio of residential, institutional, and hospitality projects. Berke is the incoming Dean of the Yale School of Architecture, the first woman to hold this post in the 100-year history of the school, where she has taught for 25 years. The award-winning architect's work has been published in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Architectural Digest, Dwell, and Architectural Record. Rick Moody is the author of the novels Garden State, The Ice Storm, and Purple America, among others, as well as The Black Veil: A Memoir with Digressions, which was awarded the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for the Art of the Memoir.

The photos speak for themselves. The captions are succinct. The rules provoke creativity.

Great content both classic and modernist

Love this book-- great ( and practical ) principles but easy to understand!

Good book to read.

Really ;like the way book is laid out.

This book painstakingly conceptualizes so-called "rules" for the process of house building. However, in the Afterword written by Marc Leff, he admits that "the entire premise of this book is a bit tongue-in-cheek". Captions are those meaningless/tacky "inspirational" quotes which you often see on Facebook and Instagram photos. For example, "Order complements the unpredictable", "Necessity yields elegance", "A house is incomplete until occupied", etc. I wondered for a sec if I got this book from the motivational book section. I can see Berke's core ideas there, and the architecture presented in this book is undeniably stunning, but still, they are overshadowed by the poor editing.

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