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Inside the Not So Big House
Discovering the Details that Bring a Home to Life
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**Big Ideas from “Not So Big” Author
Shows Readers How to Affordably Personalize Their Homes**

Sarah Susanka’s latest book explains how to create interior details that give a house the enduring qualities of home.

Architect, author and cultural visionary Sarah Susanka has emerged as a leader of the quality-over-quantity movement in architecture. Now for the first time ever, Susanka focuses on interior details that create a home rich in personalized details with functionality and timeless beauty. *INSIDE THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE: DISCOVERING THE DETAILS THAT BRING A HOME TO LIFE* launches nationwide on September 15, 2005.

“*Inside the Not So Big House* shows readers how to fill a home with the personality of its inhabitants and give it an enduring presence in a reasonably economical fashion,” says Susanka. “This is the book that people have been asking me to write since I launched *The Not So Big House* in 1998.”

INSIDE THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE goes beyond typical interior design books to dive into details large and small – for the entire house or just one room – that make a home feel more substantial than its square footage or decorative touches. Using two dozen beautifully designed, new and remodeled houses, Susanka clearly illustrates and articulates interior details that can be crafted right into the house to give it the enduring qualities of home. Yet, *INSIDE THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE* remains approachable to readers of all skill levels – from homeowners, to interior designers, builders and architects.

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Inspiring Readers

From page after glossy page of stunning photographs and straightforward writing, with help from architect Marc Vassallo, readers will soak in interior design principles that although employed for centuries, have never been expressed so clearly. Principles range from placing trim to connect architectural details such as windows and bookshelves, to creative shelving solutions that allow a small space to appear larger. Special sidebars offer real-world, how-to information, and contrast spaces with and without details or architectural elements to demonstrate principles in action. Readers also will learn the qualities that make a home feel like it is more than the sum of its parts; qualities that give a home life such as repeating the use of materials throughout the house to create harmony so each area of the home resonates with the others.

INSIDE THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE is the latest yet most accessible book in the Not So Big series by The Taunton Press. *INSIDE THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE* bridges the architect and interior design communities. Along the way, the book educates and empowers homeowners to incorporate Not So Big design principles whether working on their own home or with a professional.

About the Authors

Sarah Susanka's first book, *The Not So Big House*, launched in 1998 and spent more than two years among the top five bestsellers on Amazon.com's Home and Garden list. Her second book, *Creating the Not So Big House*, was released two years later and was ranked at the top of *The New York Times* Advice and How-to Bestseller list. Susanka has sold more than a million copies of her Not So Big titles and her recent book *Home by Design*, launched in 2004. The Not So Big movement continues to evolve. Susanka is collaborating with landscape designer Julie Moir Messervy for a new book in early 2006, *Outside the Not So Big House*.

Marc Vassallo is a trained architect, writer and editor. He spent more than eight years as an editor at The Taunton Press, including two years at the top editorial post as the company's editorial director. He writes about residential architecture and lives in Connecticut.

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