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### Review

"This is such a good book! I've seen many while trying to create homes for prospects, but not one as detailed and user-friendly as "**Designing Your Perfect House**". Hirsch certainly is providing a guide for creating a house that becomes a home." Irene Watson, Readreviews.com

" Color photos and drawings profusely illustrate Hirsch's major points. " **Designing Your Perfect House: Lessons from an Architect**" is not just another "How to" or "do it yourself" manual. It is an informed and informative guide through the whole process of taking your concepts and dreams and making them into a lovable, livable, home." " Recommended for anyone wishing to design their dream home." Midwest Book Review, Oregon, WI

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" The decision to build a new home can be daunting for an amateur. Architect Hirsch takes one through the process from idea to completion. Drawing many examples from his own practice, he explains the process and philosophy of residential design as seen from a professional's view and discusses what to consider when creating one's dream home. Recommended" Library Journal

### From the Author

As an architect, my job is not to impose a vision of what a house should be, instead, the architect is there to realize the client's unique vision. The consumer needs an advocate in the creative and building process, and the architect's role is to advocate the customer's desires and balance those with the realities of time, money, and energy. I hope that when you read this book, it will help you with the complex issues involved with residential design and construction. If you are remodeling, or just have an interest in home design, I expect that you will be able to find things of interest as well. Please let me know what you think!

### From the Inside Flap

#### **Designing Your Perfect House**

A series of twelve "lessons" from a master architect, this book will show you how to move from wonderful concepts to a finished dream home. It begins with an exploration of the philosophy of design, the grammar of architecture, the creation of space, and discussions of how to make spaces be appropriate and gratifying for the people living in them. Subsequent discussions address such issues as symmetry and composition, flow, light, zoning and orientation. The final sections follow the process through site analysis and selection, programming, schematic design, style, room relationships, controlling the budget, and methods of contracting for the construction. Throughout, color photos and drawings illustrate the book's major points. If you are considering a custom home, then **Designing Your Perfect House: Lessons from an Architect** will be an invaluable tool for helping you to think through and participate in the whole design and building process. It will ensure that your expectations are realistic and that you understand how to work with an architect to achieve your perfect home.

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