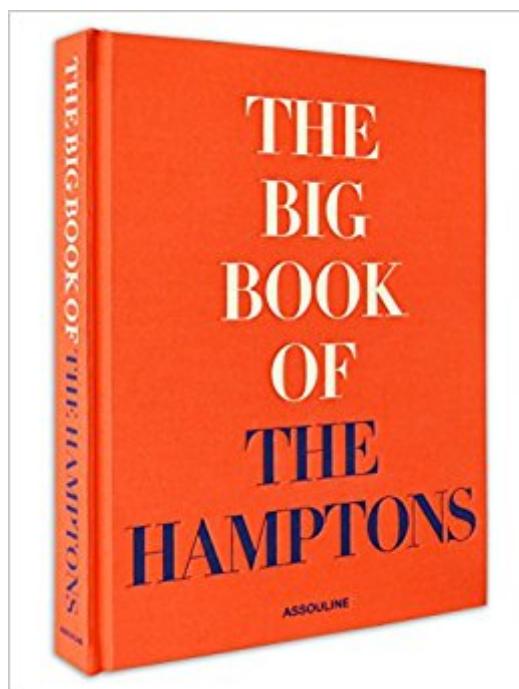


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# The Big Book Of The Hamptons (Classics)



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beautiful photos, makes me want to go NOW!

Loved everything!

This is a huge opportunity lost. It's a massive book, but apart from the semi-interesting introduction, which gives the reader some idea of how the area functions, there are no great historic photos, very little substance, and page after page of mediocre photographs of some seriously ugly contemporary houses. Most of which look as though they've been built with no concern for the heritage of the area which contains them. Possibly, many residents didn't want their 'mine's bigger than yours' houses photographed, but that doesn't help the book. I thought it was a massive yawn. There are better images on the internet of the kind of houses we ordinary mortals would like to live in. I flicked through it in a night, and came out none the wiser. .

Disappointing. All of these large format pages and the photos they choose to show repeatedly feature large, bland houses, one interior or exterior shot of each. The interiors are plain, the landscapes and exteriors boringly repetitive. Too little on anything else and that's a lot of "anything else" to ignore.

Given as a gift to family who have holiday home in The Hamptons. They adore the book

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