



## Swimming Tranquil Laps of Luxury

Contemporary design and pool architecture come second hand to writer and editor Deborah K. Dietsch. In her book, *Dream Pools* (Friedman/Fairfax Books, 176 pages, \$40), the architecture and design specialist provides beautifully striking photos that leave the reader spellbound and meaningful information that any current or future pool owner should know.

Dietsch's book makes any reader want to turn their pool into an aquatic paradise.

Sparkling like gems in the middle of the landscape, swimming pools lure us with their tranquil beauty and promise of escape. Whether we're immersed in the refreshing water or simply admiring the shimmering, reflective surface from a nearby chaise, we gain immense pleasure from these enchanting basins. Pools offer

the opportunity to obtain cool relief, swim vigorous laps, and splash around playfully. As beautiful as they are functional, these watery expanses also serve as exquisite centerpieces for gardens and outdoor entertaining areas.

*Dream Pools* provides an in-depth look at the wondrous innovations in pool design. Some of the country's most celebrated pool designers are featured, including San Diego's master pool designer Skip Phillips of Questar Pools. Filled with informative text and lavish photographs, this comprehensive volume explores a multitude of styles, including infinity-edge basins that seem to merge with the horizon, sleek lap pools that take up relatively little space, and naturalistic designs that mimic tropical lagoons. Dive into the pages of this magnificent book and you will find:

- Practical and aesthetic consideration regarding all aspects of the pool and its surroundings, including pool finishes, coping materials, steps and ladders, spas, cabanas, and paving and decking options.

- Helpful advice for determining the size, style, and site of the pool.

- Imaginative ideas for enhancing the poolscape with lighting, artwork, fountains, and landscaping.

- Design strategies for creating a pool environment that functions as a comfortable outdoor room—perfect for gathering with family, entertaining friends, or just plain relaxing.

Whether your ideal pool is an elegant circular basin punctuating a verdant garden, a streamlined infinity-edge pool perched at the edge of a cliff, or a pond-like retreat complete with meandering edges and boulders, *Dream Pools* will help you bring your vision to life.

—from *Dream Pools*  
Deborah K. Dietsch

