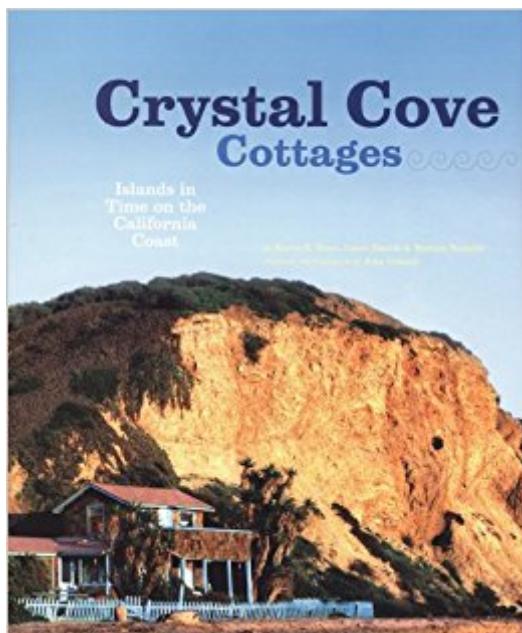


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# Crystal Cove Cottages: Islands In Time On The California Coast



## Synopsis

Tucked between the housing developments and golf courses of the Orange County coast lies a small settlement of rustic beach cottages seemingly frozen in time. Crystal Cove Cottages is the first history of this uniquely preserved beach spot that has lured travellers and campers since the 1920s. Deemed by the National Register of Historic Places to be "the last intact example of California beach vernacular architecture," it is now a registered state park whose cottages are newly available for public overnight visits. From silent-film location to rum-runners' hideout, scenic setting for a vibrant landscape painting community to 1950s luau-party headquarters, Crystal Cove has all the while remained a bohemian yet family-friendly village. Ten sidebars on notable individual cottages highlight the Cove's distinct and often amusing architectural evolution. Crystal Cove Cottages captures the nostalgic ambiance of seaside Americana.

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## Customer Reviews

Karen E. Steen spent her childhood summer vacations in Crystal Cove. A senior editor at Metropolis, she lives in Brooklyn, New York. Laura Davick is president and founder of the nonprofit Crystal Cove Alliance and works closely with the California State Parks Department to preserve this unique resource for the public. She lives near Crystal Cove. Meriam Braselle is a plein air painter and interior designer, and she is an expert on the landscape painting tradition of Crystal Cove and its vicinity. She lives in Orange County, California.

This is such a unique place to spend some time, and this book really adds to the enjoyment. We have never actually stayed in the cottages, but we've browsed around in the cove many times and just spotted this book, filled with history, first-hand stories, pictures, and all sorts of things that make the past come alive. The different cottages have names, and the book gives the history of each of these cottages. Next time I go there, I will take my book along.

This book captures a glimpse of a Camelot era of the California coast. Crystal Cove is an island in time, perhaps where our mothers and fathers cavorted. The book entices the reader on a journey to visit the early California coastal painters and the free lifestyles that they lived. It is beautifully illustrated with images of paintings and the cottages, some no more than shacks, that comprised this community. Long gone are the days of the martini flag and the bugle call for the first drink of the day. No more can the lowly and poor cavort on their private beaches. This is a beautiful walk through time of the best of days along the California coast. Enjoy.

A great illustrated book about an area my family lived at before the war. They even mentioned the community that my family was at.

Gorgeous pictures. I've been looking for this book all over the place. Glad I finally found a copy. Condition is great, everything I expected. Loved the price too.

Love Crystal Cove so I sought out this book. I was a little disappointed as I would have loved a little more history on the place and less pictures and comments on selected homes. While pictures are great I was looking for history.

I grew up in Newport Beach, CA, and was fortunate enough to spend some time on the beach at Crystal Cove when I was a child. This book is quite nostalgic, and an excellent history lesson of early California beach life. It has great photos of the homes, the people, the era. Highly recommended!

A lot of history is connected with this lovely spot that has a great little restaurant and reasonable-priced cottages.

She loves Crystal Cove and I gave this book to her while we were staying at one of the cottages

there. She really like it.

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