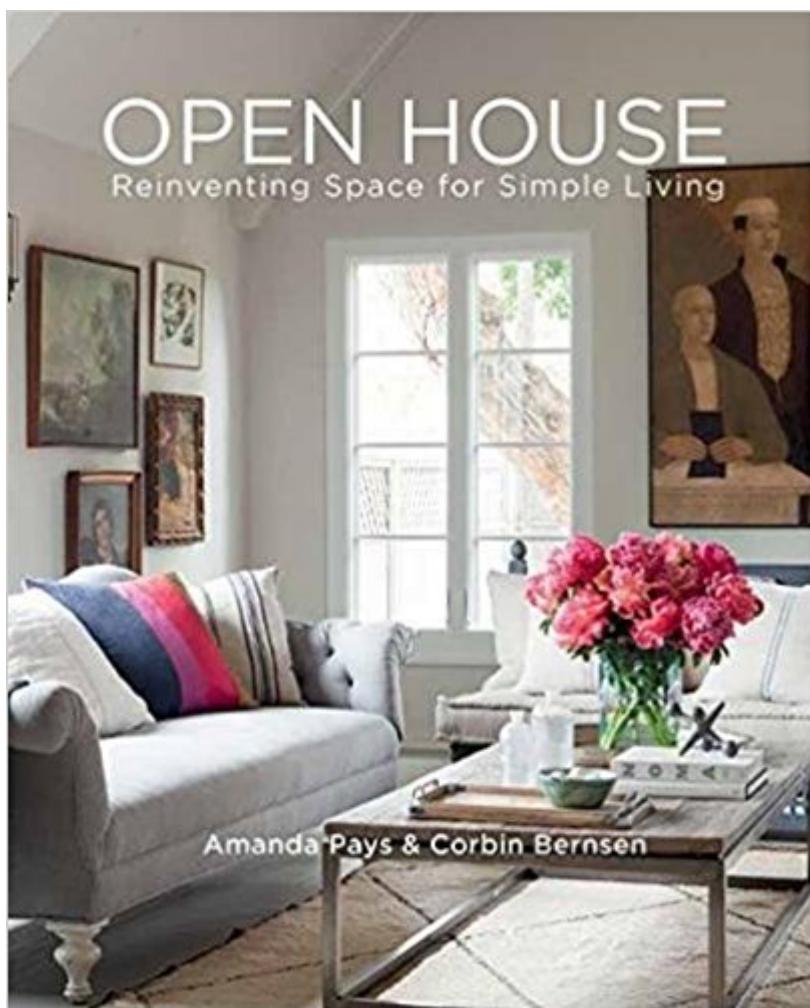


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# Open House: Reinventing Space For Simple Living



## **Synopsis**

Transforming older homes into modern, functional, open spaces filled with natural light. Author Amanda Pays and Corbin Bernsen share ideas for remodeling older homes to create modern, open floor plans while sharing lessons learned along the way. Topics include tricks of seeing through cluttered, dark rooms to imagine an open floor plan and space filled with light; how to manage a renovation budget (ideas on where to shop, items to splurge on, where to save); and designing homes for simple family living. Fans of HGTV and DIY Network home renovation shows will love this sweeping behind-the-scenes perspective on home transformations, written in a personal, intimate style, with humor and honesty. Amanda Pays and Corbin Bernsen have been renovating homes for their family to live in for around thirty years. Some twenty-four houses later, they have a lot to share about remodeling interiors and revamping yards. Pays and Bernsen live Los Angeles.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Excellent! I read it cover to cover in a 24 hour period. Amanda and her husband, Corbin, have a refreshing approach to renovation and design. I LOVE how they design with emotion and thought. How they create a fresh new space while maintaining the integrity and original design feeling/concept of the home. They prove over and over that you don't have to throw in ridiculous amounts of money to have beautiful space. The funny thing is my bend isn't toward the more clean lined/modern look that they have but, I adore everything they do because I'm drawn into their

process and emotion. I walked away from this book with an enthusiasm to create, which in my opinion is the real value of any design book. This book won't be put away in my bookshelves any time soon. :)

I was looking for a book just like this at my local bookstore. I remember Amanda and Corbin from a magazine feature of their home a few years ago. Their style leans toward mid-century and minimalist while I am more cottage with a little farmhouse thrown in but I did enjoy the book nonetheless. I appreciate anyone who brings a house back to life, whether I agree with the style or not. My only negative comment would be that the writing was very choppy-it did not flow well at all. I would probably give the writing a 3 but I would buy the book again and did enjoy their emphasis on family and their love for design and caring for pre-existing homes.

honestly my favorite design book of all time. what a beautiful style and the fact that they did this as a couple makes me love it even more.

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