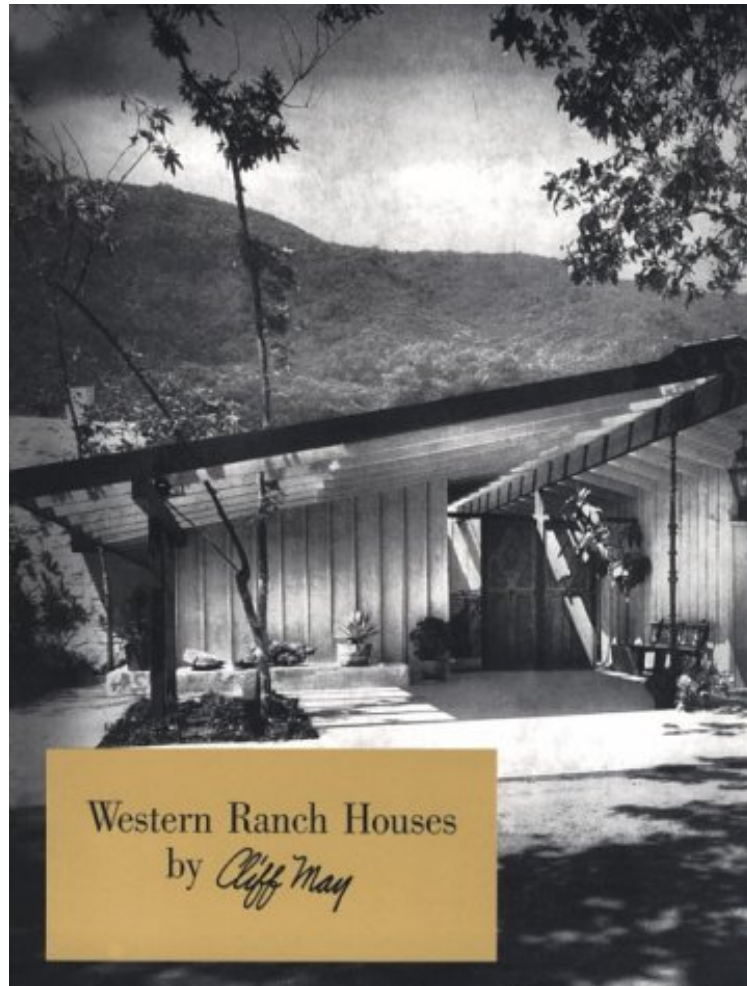


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Cliff May : Western Ranch Houses by Cliff May before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Western Ranch Houses by Cliff May:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Good book on ranch-style housesBy Steve in MemphisOn the plus side, this book has lots of photographs and does have floor plans of each featured home. Sometimes it is hard to tell from an on-line description if the book has photographs only or includes floor plans also. The houses in this book definitely have a Western flavor, like the title says, but I can tell that they are the close cousins of the ranch-style houses in my part of the country. The houses featured in the book are from 1939 to 1959. The photos are only black and white, but there are plenty of photos of each featured house. Although my interest in the book is from an architectural standpoint, it would also be a good book for those interested in mid-century interior design or those who simply want to travel back to the days of Ozzie and Harriet.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. VisionaryBy PeterIt's truly incredible how a man could write something 60 years ago and be so accurate in his

assumptions of consumer tastes and the continuation of their tastes into this century. Living in a home in one of Cliff May's first tracts, we absolutely had to read this book, and it is wonderful to see the design and stylistic aspects in the construction of the home and property, as described in the book. Absolutely wonderful imagery and information.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very nice book. Had this years ago and gave it ...By TygrbarbVery nice book. Had this years ago and gave it away. This is my replacement.

The success of the first edition of *Sunset Western Ranch Houses* led Sunset and Cliff May to bring out a second edition in 1958. Very different than the first edition, this too proved to be a best-seller. In addition being more thorough than the earlier work, the second edition also showed that May's architecture was going in new directions. He still preserved the rustic traditions and materials of the ranch house, but his designs were more open and flexible. The houses show that May had absorbed many of the modernist advances in domestic achitecture taking place in Southern California, while still maintaining his esthetic roots in the Spanish ranch house.