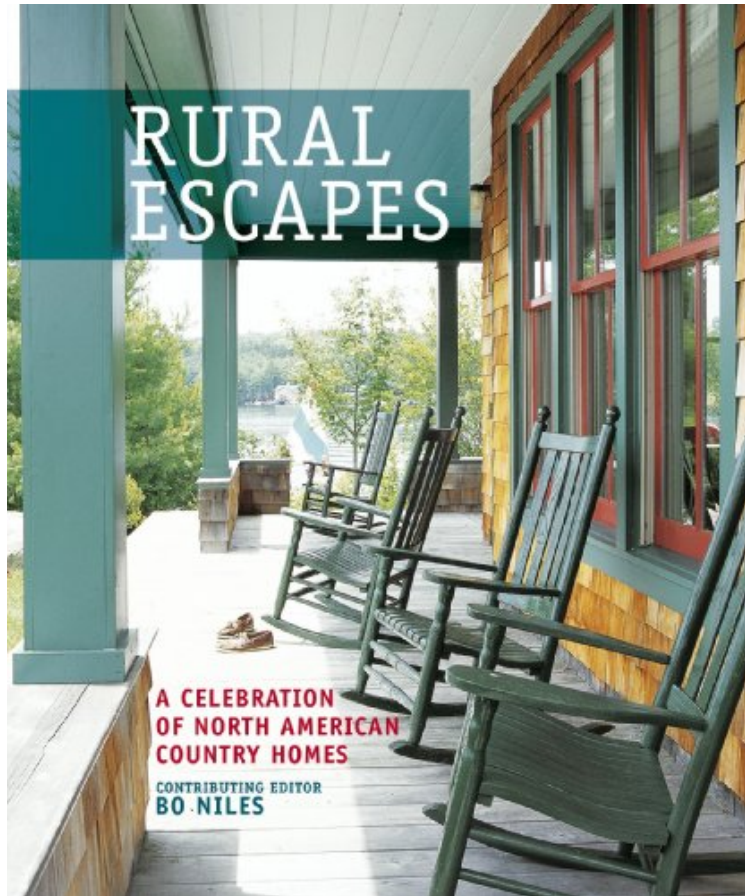


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing book By truckerdan It was Mildred's Place on p 102 that made me most desire this book. I love old houses like this and I love the haint blue paint on it. As the title suggests, the houses have a rural flavor. You won't find Newport block front dressers in this book. The houses range from small cabins to quite large houses. They range from logwork and stickwork to more traditional architecture. There are designs ranging from the late 1700's to ultra-modern designs. Even an old Airstream travel trailer. There is a wide range of geographical area. The book is a wonderful source of ideas for building and restoring houses, for decorating, for color schemes, for woodworkers looking for furniture designs, and even ideas for recycling items many would throw in the dumpster (such as a flat door turned into a table for outdoor dining). The photos are printed clearly and are the work of skilled photographers. And ladies, if have a husband who isn't the least bit interested learning how to create a cozy cottage (why did you marry him anyway? oh, never mind, he's yours now) just leave the book open to

page 135. After glimpsing a lovely blonde in her hammock, he might be tempted to thumb through the book. He won't find any more pictures of beautiful ladies, but maybe something else will engage his interest. Even the imagination of a decorating klutz should be whetted by this book. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Great for your coffee table  
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An exuberant tribute to North America's architectural heritage, *Rural Escapes* explores how country homes have been built to reflect and enhance the natural features of the countryside. In four parts, it showcases 24 beautiful homes that embrace the history of the land and the peoples who live and have lived on it. Each is lavishly illustrated and sympathetically described by a team of acclaimed writers led by American country expert Bo Niles. The first part, *Colonial Charm*, is devoted to vintage homes, including houses in Early American, Colonial, and Shaker styles. *Rustic Beauty* ventures deep into the forests to discover log cabins, hunting lodges, and camps from Connecticut to Colorado. In *New Frontier Spirit*, innovative and unusual homes show that the pioneer instinct is alive and well; they include a Vermont barn of stilts, a tropical paradise in California, and a beach house on Long Island. Finally, *Contemporary Inspiration* looks at how materials such as glass and steel create houses that seem to mesh with their environment just as harmoniously as their traditional predecessors.

**About the Author** Bo Niles, former senior editor at *Country Living*, has written many books on design and decoration, including co-writing *Country Escapes* and writing *Five-minute Florist*, both published by Ryland Peters Small. A native New Yorker, she escapes, when she can, to the Berkshire mountains of Massachusetts.