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**James Grayson Trulove, Il Kim : Studio Apartments: Big Ideas for Small Spaces** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Studio Apartments: Big Ideas for Small Spaces:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good only if you're an architectBy CassieI should have read the other reviews more carefully. This book had very little interior design solutions. Mostly it had architectural drawings and room reconfiguration ideas. So if you're doing construction, tearing down walls or adding on, this is a good book. Looking for daily living ideas for small spaces? Not the book to buy.63 of 64 people found the following review helpful. I should have read the editorial review closely.By A CustomerThis is not a book for the average apartment dweller looking for inspiration to decorate within the boundaries of a studio apartment. It is only for architects and designers who have the ability to manipulate their environment by changing the structure of the confined space. It certainly wasn't meant for the average, Ikea joe who needed advice on making the most out of a small situation. I wish I could find an apartment that looked like these, only the rich could afford what was pictured.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very Disappointed in this Small Space Book! Waste of money!By Debi S.Don't waste your money!Although I only paid about \$13.00 for this used book, I wish I had my money back. While looking through the book I thought it surely had been copyrighted in the '60's or '70's. The apartment lay-outs, furniture, colors and fabrics all appeared of another era. I was very surprised to find it was copyrighted only 13 years ago. 2000!I thought this was a pretty badly written book, poorly photographed rooms and difficult to understand structural drawings. I found it difficult to imagine the layout of the apartment from the descriptions given and the photos made.I purchased this book

to give to my library to flesh out the 'small-space' architectural section as these books always seem to be checked out. Maybe it will appeal to someone else.

A cutting-edge design book for small apartments, *Studio Apartments: Big Ideas for Small Spaces* introduces the reader to the joys of small space living, whether in simple studios, tiny one-bedrooms, or more complex arrangements where two small rooms or studios are joined to form a larger but still compact living area. *Studio Apartments* examines in detail how more than twenty architects have created remarkably refined and varied living spaces within small confines. A master bedroom can be carved from seemingly nonexistent space and then concealed behind a frosted-glass wall. A kitchen can evolve from a closet. A single long room with windows only at its end can become a warm and inviting living space. Here are some of the freshest, most original approaches to creating a real home within spaces smaller than 1,000 square feet, and in some cases less than 500 square feet. The twenty-four beautifully photographed apartments are presented complete with floor plans, gorgeous before and after photographs, and clear text that leads the reader through the design process and highlights the "big idea" that makes each apartment distinctive. With *Studio Apartments*, an apartment dweller with an eye for style can transform their dreams into reality. In this book, James Trulove takes on the challenge of interior design for small apartments. With photos and case studies including floor plans of more than twenty studios under 800 square feet each, readers are shown solutions to the typical problems architects are asked to solve: creating sleeping alcoves, efficient kitchens, appealing bath and dressing areas, adequate storage, and work and entertainment areas. Actual projects show how architects and interior designers extract maximum style and usage from small, urban apartments: a master bedroom is carved from seemingly nonexistent space and then hidden behind a frosted glass wall; a closet becomes a cook's kitchen, and a single long room with windows at one end is transformed into a warm and inviting living room. The "big idea" that makes each apartment special is highlighted in designs ranging from traditional to casual modern to cutting edge. In this book, James Trulove takes on the challenge of interior design for small apartments. With photos and case studies including floor plans of more than twenty studios under 800 square feet each, readers are shown solutions to the typical problems architects are asked to solve: creating sleeping alcoves, efficient kitchens, appealing bath and dressing areas, adequate storage, and work and entertainment areas. Actual projects show how architects and interior designers extract maximum style and usage from small, urban apartments: a master bedroom is carved from seemingly nonexistent space and then hidden behind a frosted glass wall; a closet becomes a cook's kitchen, and a single long room with windows at one end is transformed into a warm and inviting living room. The "big idea" that makes each apartment special is highlighted in designs ranging from traditional to casual modern to cutting edge.

**About the Author** James Grayson Trulove is an author, publisher, and editor of books on the subjects of architecture, landscape architecture, and garden design. His recent books include *New Sustainable Homes*, *25 Apartments and Lofts Under 2500 Square Feet*, and *Prefab Now*. He resides in Washington, D.C., and New York.