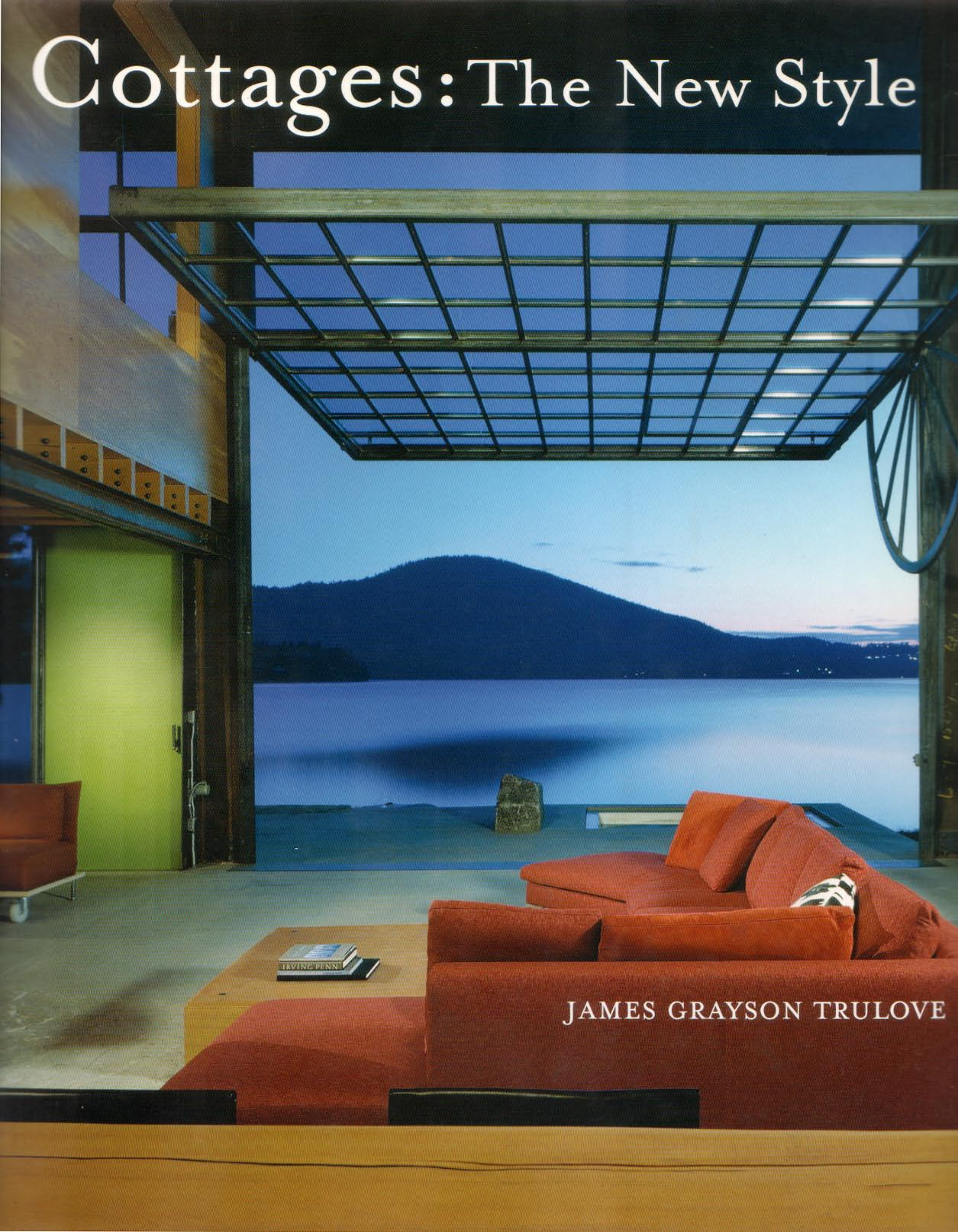


# Cottages: The New Style



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# THE BRAIN

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**T**his cottage, dubbed “The Brain” by its owner, is unique for two reasons. First, it is set in the backyard of a house in a dense urban neighborhood and second, its primary purpose is to serve as a creative retreat for a filmmaker. The idea of the home garage being the birthplace of ideas and inventions was the basis for the design of this 14,280-cubic-foot structure.

The form is essentially a cast-in-place concrete box intended to be a strong yet neutral background allowing complete flexibility to adapt the space at will. Inserted into the box along the south wall is a steel mezzanine that functions as an office. All interior structures, including the mezzanine, are made using raw, hot-rolled steel sheets.



LEFT: Entry.  
RIGHT: Ample glazing merges the outside with the interior in this cast-in-place concrete cottage.