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A third generation Californian, Grant Kirkpatrick, founding partner of KAA Design, is renowned in the architecture world with A-list clientele that includes actors Tom Hanks and Matt Damon, and fashion designer Paul Marciano, among many others.

"As an architect, I spend my life looking at property, thinking about how the people who live there will use it and about how to connect them to their land", Kirkpatrick says.

In his new book, "*California Contemporary: The Houses of Grant C. Kirkpatrick and KAA Design*", he presents 24 custom homes that exemplify the California dream, including his own property, a nautically inspired home perched on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, an art collector's home, a soaring cantilevered hillside home and a "tree house" set on a plateau conceived as a series of linked pavilions interspersed with gardens.

With over 160 beautiful color photographs, this monograph is an ode to sophisticated modern living in southern California. It explores several themes such as seamless indoor-outdoor living; form, scale and proportion; whimsy and imperfection.

"It gives me a lot of joy to build homes that people love living in", Kirkpatrick says. "It gives me even more joy when those homes also connect the owners with their love of nature—or even deepen it." ■

