



H.O.U.S.E. - Aleksandra Machowiak and Daniel Mizieliński

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Explore a pictorial overview of 35 unusual houses where architects have let their creativity take flight. There's an incredible selection of designs. For example; a suitcase house, an inflatable teahouse, a burrow, a curtain house, a UFO house, and many others.

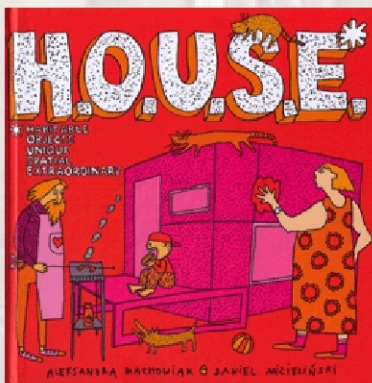
Set in a variety of landscapes around the world, the architects have incorporated unique features of each location. For instance, the Upwind House in New Mexico stands on a flat-top, desert mountain. It has to withstand scorching temperatures and high winds. Architect Steven Holl designed a large hole in the house for the winds to blow straight through. It has tanks for rainwater, solar panels for electricity and the aluminium cladding reflects the heat. Then there's the quirky nuthouse. Tom Chudleigh always wanted to feel like a forest elf so he built himself a nut-shaped house that hangs from a tree in a forest.

Some homes were built decades ago, yet they still look modern and futuristic. Antti Lovag built his first Bubble House in 1970, near the French Riviera. Multi-size spheres, made of red-painted concrete, join together and spread out like a giant jellyfish.

The authors have drawn detailed impressions of the houses. Readers of all ages will study the innovative designs, layouts, and building materials used. Each page is filled with fascinating facts. Useful maps show where the houses are built.

New Zealand publishers, Gecko Press, won the English translation rights for *H.O.U.S.E.* Its full title: Habitable Objects Unique Spatial Extraordinary. An inspiring gift for the creative child or an imaginative adult.

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