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Walter S. White: Inventions in Mid-Century Architecture

by Volker M. Welter

Spanning the period of postwar modernism from 1946 through the mid-1980s, this deeply researched and richly illustrated monograph on Walter S. White (1917-2002) illuminates the

work of the little-known modern designer, architect, and inventor. A companion to the recent exhibition of the same name at the Art, Design & Architecture Museum at UCSB, the book by SAH/SCC Life Member Volker M. Welter captures the aesthetic, climactic, and technological synergies present in postwar Southern California.

Born in San Bernardino, White eschewed formal education in favor of a "learn-by-doing approach." And while he revered Frank Lloyd Wright, he opted early in his career for stints in the offices of Rudolph Schindler, Harwell Hamilton Harris, and Clark and Frey. These pure modernist influences coupled with engineering wherewithal propelled White to establish his own prolific practices in Palm Desert and Colorado Springs, CO.

Ongoing experiments with pre-fab construction take us from the Designs for GI Student Living (c. 1945) constructed in the Hollywood Hills to a series of pre-fabricated mountain cabins (1960s-1970s), many of which were built in Colorado. Clearly, however, it is with White's patented "Hypar" (hyperbolic-paraboloid) roof that his finest expressive designs become reality.

The text is both insightful and accessible, which is essential to understanding White's inventive approaches to construction. The volume is also punctuated with a series of short essays on various White projects and technologies by doctoral students at UCSB—a noble nod to the University's role in turning out the next generation of architectural historians. The book is a worthy addition to the shelves of any lover of Southern California modernism.

Art, Design & Architecture Museum, UCSB; 108 pages; hardcover; \$40.