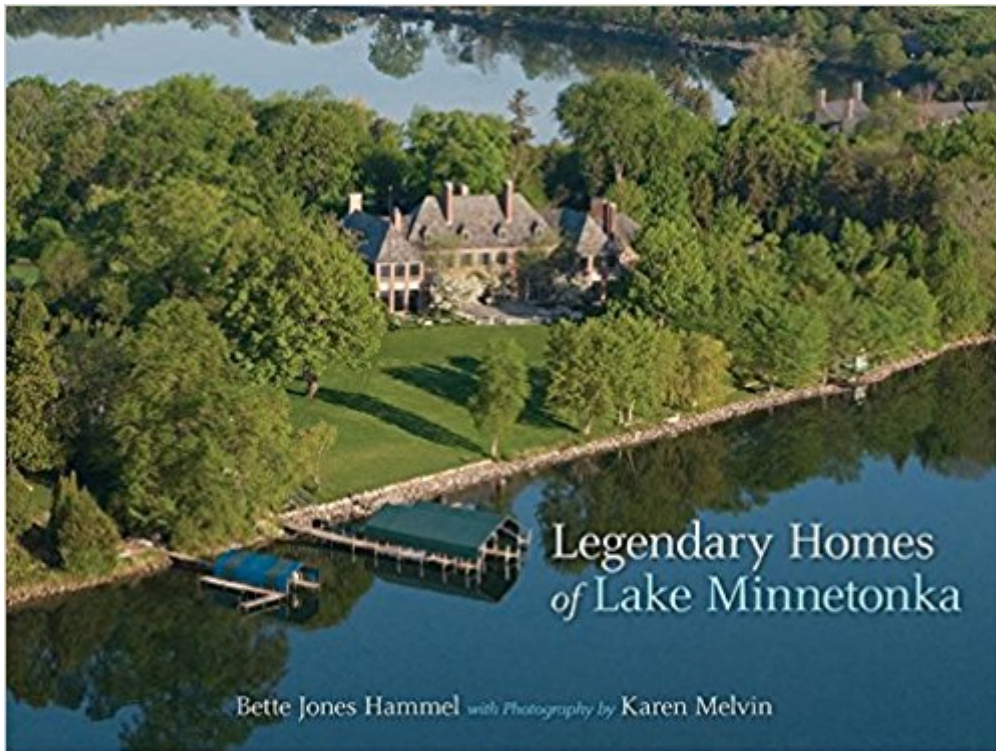




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# Legendary Homes Of Lake Minnetonka



## Synopsis

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stunning book with great information

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Beautiful coffee table book

Wonderful book.

I chose this book to see some of the interior designs of these homes and get an historic perspective. I felt the historic part was somewhat lacking because of a lot of emphasis on some of the newer, more flamboyant homes.

How nice to be a snoop and not feel guilty. There are many homes on the lake that I have wondered about and this book gives us the scoop on their histories and interiors.

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