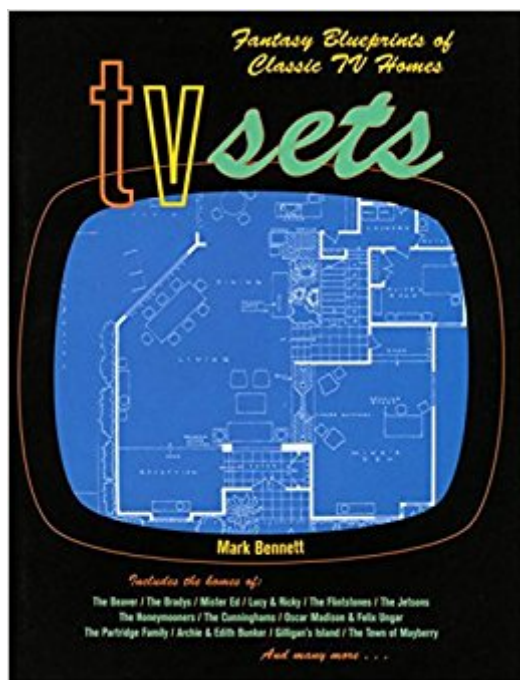


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# TV Sets: Fantasy Blueprints Of Classic TV Homes



## Synopsis

Author and artist Mark Bennett compiles his entertaining collection of blueprints extrapolated from the storylines and sets of the 1950s to 1980s television sitcom homes millions of Americans grew up with. An extraordinary work of imagination, these blueprints of TV homes that are as familiar to us as our neighbor's den and backyard give us a fascinating "real life" view that the camera angles never offered. From Ward and June Cleaver's house to Rob and Laura Petrie's apartment to Mary Richards's Minneapolis bachelorette apartment to the Jetson's "house" in the clouds, each home is lovingly recreated with painstaking precision in the fine blue lines of architectural blueprints.

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## Customer Reviews

This book of architectural blueprints is a loving, if obsessive, tribute to the minutiae of televised domestic life. Author Mark Bennett's excruciatingly detailed plans span 25 years of television history, from Tiger's doghouse on *The Brady Bunch* to *The Addams Family's* entire manor, including Lurch's harpsichord, Gomez's train set, and Uncle Fester's laboratory. Also included are Laverne and Shirley's bachelorette pad, *The Jetson's* space unit, and Archie and Edith Bunker's Queens row house. Incredibly, all the plans are drawn to be architecturally feasible; that is, one could actually build from them. To accomplish this feat, the author often had to imagine rooms and areas not shown on the television programs, but only referred to, like Ward Cleaver's den or Ralph and Alice Kramden's bedroom. Included are detailed renderings not only of the characters' homes, but their entire towns, such as the whole of Mayberry and a complete layout of *Gilligan's Island*. --This text

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You can almost see the milk and cookies waiting on the kitchen counter for Wally and the Beav. Pages later, in Brooklyn, there's Ralph Kramden's lunch pail on the sideboard, just beside the door to a bedroom we'll never see. Here, in blue on blue, are architectural drawings of the ephemera of our childhoods--the sets of favorite old television shows. -- The New York Times Book Review, Patricia T. O'Conner --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm addicted to the computer game series, SIMS 3, and I bought this book with the idea of reproducing the homes of my favorite TV shows in my SIMS game. Mr Bennett's book will serve admirably for that purpose, but it's also a very enjoyable read in its own right. The blueprints are quite amazing, and I've found that I keep the book on my coffee table so that I can look at the pages while watching these wonderful old classic shows. Mark Bennett has added a whole new level of enjoyment to vintage television, and I thank him for that.

I purchased for fun to see what the sets looked like. I found mistakes - i.e. The Stones' house is not how it's drawn in this book. This is not an "official " book, as I had thought. I'd really like to give 2 1/2 stars.

It's supposed to be a book of architectural drawings but the drawings are split by the binding which has them printed on 2 pages with the middle of the drawing lost to the void of the binding itself. Very disappointed in the book.

For anyone who grew up on the classic TV shows of the 1950s-1970s, this is a real treat. (Heck, just the city map of Mayberry is worth the price!) This book contains the complete floorplan of the Beverly Hillbillies mansion, Addam's Family house, the Brady Bunch's house, the Lost in Space Jupiter ship blueprints, to name just a few. No offense to the fine folks who gave us those timeless classics, but it's clear that the author/artist of this book put more thought and energy into each one of these blueprints/floorplans than did the actual set designers of those TV shows! Although there are some blueprints that are sorta 'ho-hum", it's not the fault of the author. Back in the day, some shows (think: The Honeymooners) employed a simple 'theatrical stage' type of set for their characters' dwellings, so there's not much for the artist/author to work with. But even those blueprints are replete with details that are very impressive. For those of you who are fans of old TV shows or even

those of you who appreciate someone who has the passion to take the time to compile such a collection of blueprints (you WILL truly be amazed at the work that must have gone into this!), this is a 'must-have.'

I originally saw this book from a coworker and thought my mom would like it. Purchased a copy for her. The book is out of print, so it was difficult to find one in excellent/very good condition (since it was for a gift). Although the purchase price was more than the MSRP printed on the book, I broke down and purchased it anyway since I knew my mom would like it. The book came in excellent condition, however I was disappointed to find a \$1.00 clearance price tag on the book when I paid over \$20.00 for it. I guess I'm the sucker...

This is the BEST BOOK EVER! The blueprints are detailed down to rugs, lamps, electronics, etc... 131 pages of pure flashbacks!!! This book is in perfect condition!! Received it days before it was supposed to arrive. I love it!

While you can't exactly submit these plans to obtain a building permit, this book is great fun for those of us who enjoy looking at the sets as much as we enjoy watching the actors on our favorite shows. Many of the floor plans answer the burning question: to where does that hallway/staircase/doorway lead? The author's sincere enthusiasm makes the descriptive text fun to read. I've had this book for years and still flip through it when I catch a rerun on TV Land - I never get tired of looking around the Brady's house! Be sure to check the table of contents (use 's "search inside" feature) to make sure the shows you love are covered. These are mostly old shows, many b&w. I hope the author will consider a sequel covering some of the more modern shows with intriguing sets!

This book needs a flat spine! The blueprints are 2 pages & because of the binding, you lose ALOT of the image dead center. If I could rate it a negative 5 stars, I would. Total waste of money.

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