



T*imeless* reveals how Patrick Ahearn’s historically motivated, human-scaled designs have advanced the art of place-making in some of America’s most affluent and storied destinations. Whether carefully restoring century-old landmarked townhouses in Boston’s Back Bay or creating new homes that reimagine the local vernacular of Martha’s Vineyard, Ahearn demonstrates an unparalleled ability to combine the romance of traditional architecture with the ideals of modernism. With his work, he sensitively balances preservation with innovation to make buildings that feel truly timeless.

Timeless features eighteen “Ahearn-designed” homes and explains how he adapts and applies philosophy’s greater-good theory to each of his projects. The idea of the greater good encapsulates his profound belief that architecture has the power to improve lives, to increase happiness, and to encourage friendly and familiar interactions. It serves as a guiding principle for all of his work. To achieve the goals of this theory, Ahearn designs buildings that are appropriately

scaled and smartly sited, paying as much attention to the spaces between structures as to the structures themselves.

A master of vernacular architecture styles, Ahearn develops his schemes based on decades of careful study and extensive knowledge of historic and regional context. Through the practice of what he refers to as “narrative-driven architecture,” he creates a storyline for every home he restores, renovates, or builds from the ground up. This scripting gives his buildings a sense of implied history and at the same time lets them expand in scope and plan to contain the various needs of twenty-first-century living.

Revealing the stories behind the iconic houses and public environments handsomely depicted in its pages, *Timeless* captures Ahearn’s singular vision, creative process, and deep expertise. For architects and interior designers — or for anyone who has ever dreamed of creating a home with a true sense of place — this book will enlighten and inspire.

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Celebrated as one of America's top classical architects, Patrick Ahearn — a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects — began his career with ambitious adaptive-reuse public projects and for the past twenty-five years has focused primarily on historically motivated, site-sensitive private residences in New England. Raised in Levittown, New York, and based in Boston for the past four decades, he received degrees in architecture and urban design from Syracuse University. Today, he oversees a firm of twelve designers working in studios in Boston's Back Bay and in Edgartown, on Martha's Vineyard. He has designed more than 500 signature private residences, including the HGTV Dream Home 2015, and has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers.



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