



Inside Hefner's Pleasure-Domes: Designing Xanadu for an American Icon - Architecture and Dreams in Hugh Hefner's Empire - With the Fabled Playboy Mansion Grotto (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Jim Wade (James O Shea Wade), a devotee of Greek and Roman history, now an independent editor and member of the Independent Editor's Group (IEG - see after retiring as Vice-president and Executive Editor at Crown/Random House, describes his view of the book in terms of space, time and architecture: This book is not about the legendary parties, imaginary bacchanalias, bunnies, nudity, scandalous spicy tales or Playboy magazine. Instead, it is a highly readable story, of a remarkably unique client/architect relationship . like many across the pages of history. What was accomplished in a very short time frame gave Hugh Hefner, a brilliant, creative, intense and highly motivated man a series of designed and built environments that satisfied his needs and reflected his sensibility. A demanding taskmaster, he wanted us to translate his dreams and visions into reality. The paradox for most humans is: we don't always know what we want until we see it. Hefner was an exception. Hugh Hefner provided, in the pre-digital, analog era, an unprecedented, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our team of architects, engineers, artisans, sculptors, landscape planners...

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