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Barbara Thornburg : L. A. Lofts before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised L. A. Lofts:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great coffee bookBy CustomerGreat coffee book4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. wonderful overviewBy hrthis book gives readers a wonderful overview of the best that the los angeles loft scene has to offer. the author explores twenty different lofts with 8 - 10 pages of first rate photography dedicated to each location. some of the chapters titles are "country home in the city", "north african colonial meets camargue gypsy", "urban oasis" and "industrial zen" - which should give you a pretty good idea of the eclectic range of styles that the authors explores. i was especially pleased to see how beautifully some of the lofts were able to mix cool industrial with warm and organic. this book is a testimony to the power of imagination and personal vision to transfer something old and forgotten into something vibrant and very much alive.

In New York, London, and even Rio de Janeiro, lofts are synonymous with minimalism. But in Los Angeles, the world's dream factory, lofts are as colorful and creative as the city itself. L.A. Lofts showcases 20 original and

enigmatic interiors housed in both converted warehouse spaces and newly constructed sites in upscale neighborhoods. The common denominator? Each is a reflection of the owner's idiosyncratic personal style. A 30-foot upholstered bar stands in for a kitchen counter, while a former bank safe becomes a cozy bedroom. Some residents challenge the very definition of a loft space, styling their dwellings after a Shaker farmhouse or a dojo, the traditional Japanese warrior's residence, all the while reveling in the open space and flexibility a loft offers. Each chapter also features a unique project for the home, such as refurbishing vintage picture frames or creating a luxurious silk tent-like bed. L.A. Lofts is an irresistible object itself, featuring a die-cut cover that teasingly hints at the images of vibrant interiors revealed underneath. Bursting with dazzling photographs and endless color, L.A. Lofts is a surprising and inspiring look into the new breed of loft.

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