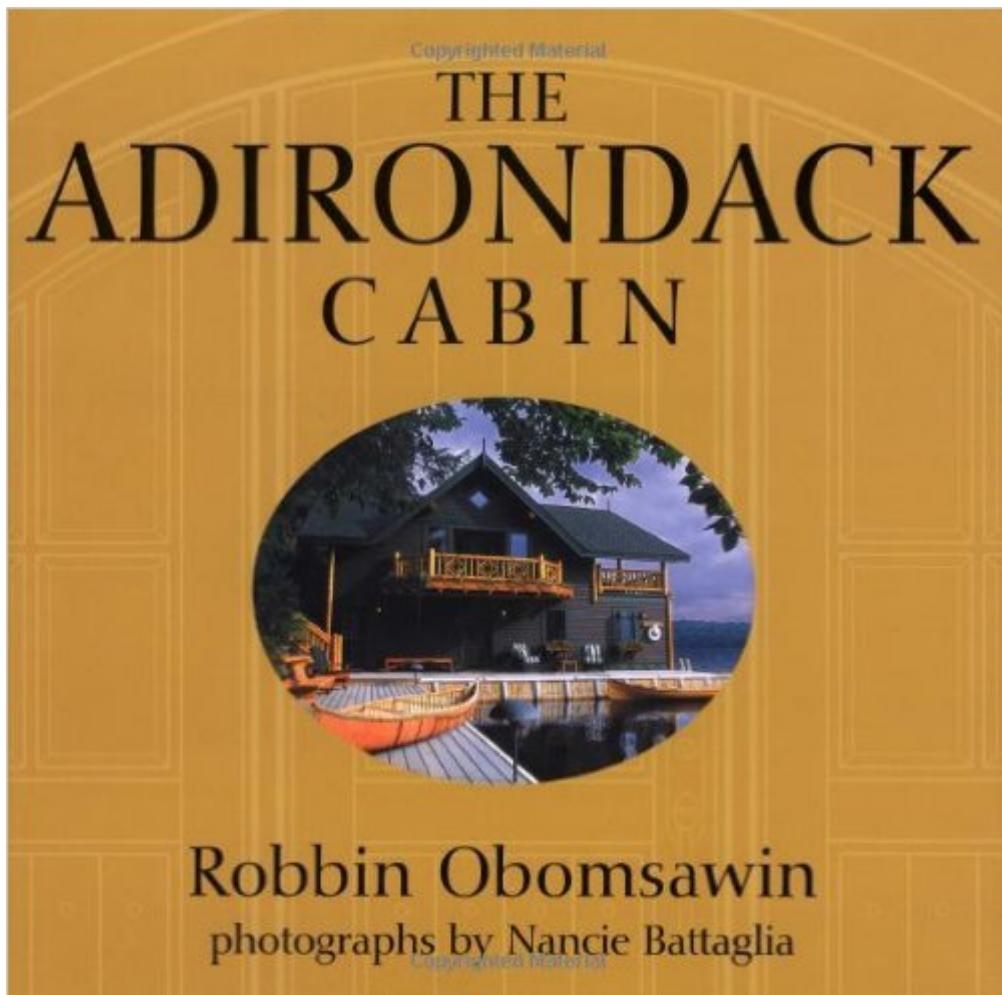


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The Adirondack Cabin



Synopsis

Best-selling author and log home expert Robbin Obomsawin features the rustic and charming architecture of the Adirondack great camps of the Northeast in her newest book. Established during the early twentieth century by wealthy rail and oil barons such as the Vanderbilts and the Rockefellers, the Adirondack camps served as the preeminent playground for those who wanted to escape industrial city life and reconnect with nature. Today, these classic camps represent the best of rustic style. Beautiful interior and outdoor photography illustrate the landscape and camps, while Obomsawin's insightful text offers a history of Adirondack style and shows how it is interpreted into the great camps of today. *Adirondack Cabins* is ideal for builders, design professionals, and those who dream of building a mountain retreat of their own that reflects the unique style and feel of the region. Robbin Obomsawin is the construction manager and general contractor for Beaver Creek Log Homes. She combines more than twenty years of log-joinery experience with her knowledge of conventional construction methods, and has served as vice president of the International Log Builder's Association for Handcrafters. She is the author of *Small Log Homes*, *Log Cabin Classics*, and *The Arts & Crafts Cabin*. She resides in upstate New York. Nancie Battaglia, a freelance photographer, lives in Lake Placid, New York, and has been documenting Adirondack lifestyle, scenes, themes and sporting activities for more than twenty-five years. Her photography has been seen in publications such as *Sports Illustrated*, *Ski*, *Newsweek*, *Boys Life*, *Outside*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Adirondack Life*, the *New York Times*, as well as in books and promotional materials for the Adirondack region.

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In the late 19th century, the wealthy men who wanted to impress poured some of their money into large mansions like Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., only in New York they opted for the "Adirondack style" with a rustic flavor. Floor plans for the cabins are included in this picture book complete with the history of this area. Later they were turned into camps for rich kids. Some of these camps such as Santanoni were operating for one hundred years, from 1850 to 1950. Only a few survive today. Resort hotels sprang up during that era as retreats to nature from the environs of New York City. Hotel Champlain and Sagamore resorts for the luxury and culture of a period in U. S. history of radical change, are still operating. In Giles County in Middle Tennessee, we have such a place called the Milky Way Farm. Not much of the farm is intact, as parcels were sold to people who desired to live there, not to investors. However, the intriguing home built in the center of the property by the Mars family used local labor and is still open and splendid, inside and out. It has passed from mostly speculators trying for a bed and breakfast or some such money-making operation. Some rooms are decorated in the style of the times using the original furnishings. The outside stone horse barns have disappeared, but the stone fences surrounding the fields leading up to the house which were built by the WPA workers, are still visible. The dining room used for special events has a round table built in that room, as it is too large to get through any of the doors. I ate there when Vo-Tech hosted a supper for public officials and the school's teachers and staff. I was part of the staff at that time. In New York, they are seen as relics of a bygone world of the super-rich.

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