

Container Homes:

Designing Stylish, Sustainable, and Low-Cost Housing Solutions

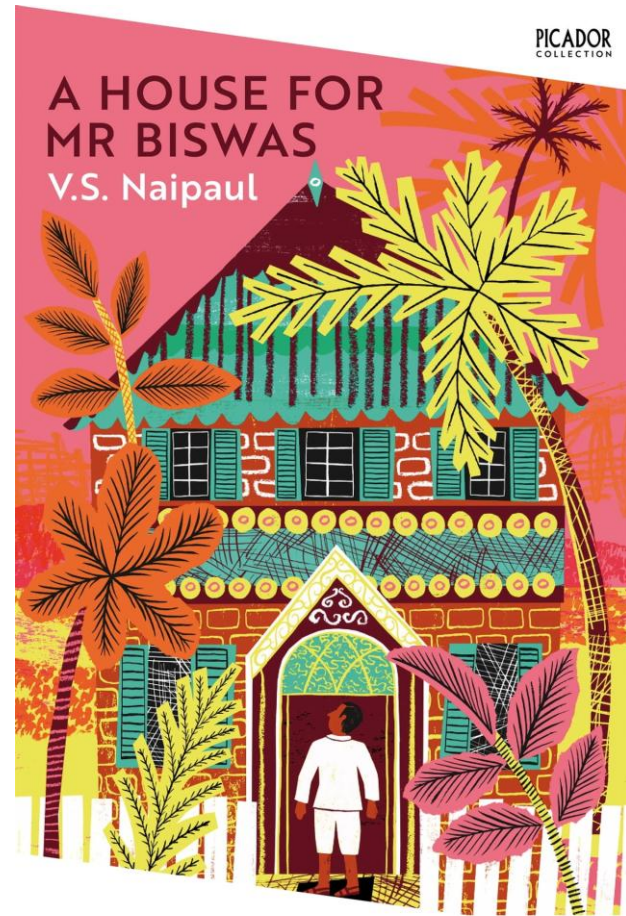
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A house to call
your own



History of the container

Why containers exist

- Solution for shippers
- Time & cost
- Inefficient loading of ships
- Corten steel
- Modular



Benefits

- They're relatively inexpensive
- Eco-friendly: Recycle, Reuse & Reduce
- Repurposing existing product
- Fast construction
- Sustainable design
- Durable structure

Design Considerations

- **Space Planning and Layout**
 - Innovative space planning to maximize efficiency.
 - Creative interior layouts and floor plans.
- **Interior Design and Aesthetics**
 - Transformative
 - Open design layouts
 - Treatments & materiality to minimize or celebrate the container feel
- **Adaptable Architecture**
 - Modular building element

Design Considerations

- **Energy Efficiency**
 - Insulation (varies according to location & criteria per building code)
 - Passive design strategies
- **Green Technologies**
 - Renewable energy solutions
 - Rainwater harvesting and wastewater treatment systems
- **Building Codes**
 - ICC & IBC

Affordability

- **Construction Cost Savings**
 - Reduction in costs from perspective of the building envelope & structure existing readily
- **Reduced Construction Time:**
 - Simple structures would have reduced construction timelines
 - Pre-fabricated versions of container homes (out of the box)
- **Long-Term Savings:**
 - Maintenance routine differs from that of traditional construction
 - Introduction of energy efficient design in housing
 - Need for insulation of building envelope may make for far more energy efficient housing

Case studies



- Luxury
- Sustainable
Design
- Unique

The Caterpillar House
Santiago, Chile

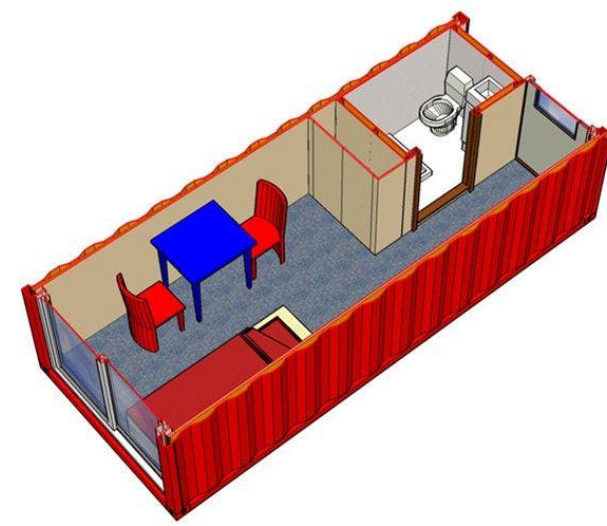


- modern and sustainable container home
- 12 recycled shipping containers arranged pattern in a zigzag
- natural light and ventilation through skylights & large windows, minimal need for artificial lighting & cooling
- passive solar strategies
- containers are elevated to allow for minimal impact on surroundings



- Shared spaces
- Large scale
- Sustainable
Design

Keetwonen
(Amsterdam Student
Shipping Container
Housing)
Amsterdam, Netherlands



- one of the largest container housing projects globally
- approx. 1,000 recycled shipping containers
- each unit private bathroom, kitchenette, and living area
- Energy efficiency



- Large scale
- Private residence
- Industrial aesthetic

Container Condo Queensland, Australia



- one of the largest single family dwellings
- 4 bedrooms, 6000 square feet
- 31 brand new 20'-0" containers, 6 months construction
- \$1.55 million Australian dollars in 2013
- climate responsive design



- Affordable
- Private residence
- Sustainable Design

Containers of Hope

Puntarenas Province, Costa Rica



- staggered views
- 2 40'-0" containers
- \$40,000 USD (substantially less than low-cost housing in Costa Rica)
- sustainable design, passive cooling



- Private residence
- Recycle, Reuse,
Reduce
- Industrial
aesthetic

Zigloo
Domestique
Shipping
Container Home
Victoria British Columbia,
Canada



- 3 years construction
- 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & living space
- 8 shipping containers, modified on site
- comparable use of timber as usual Canadian House but remains in industrial finish
- bamboo flooring
- climate responsive design



The image is a collage. The top half features a semi-transparent olive-green overlay with the text 'Thank you' in white. Behind this overlay, a group of five diverse people are seated around a table, engaged in a meeting. The bottom half of the image shows a modern building under construction, with a glass facade and a brick structure. The background of the entire image is a bright, sunny outdoor scene with trees and a clear sky.

Thank you