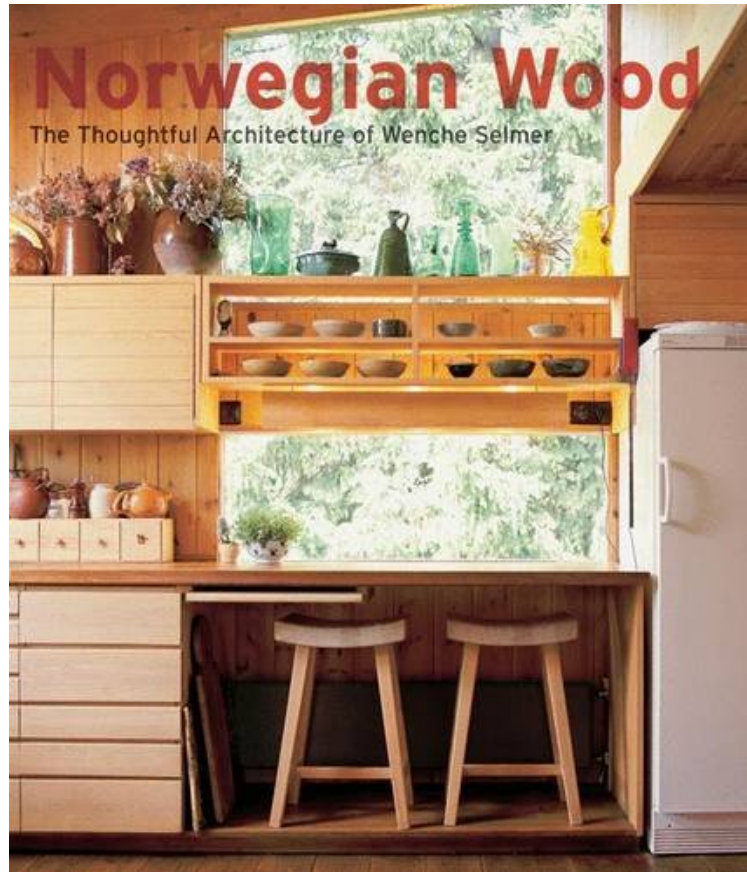


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(Wenche Selmer) influenced scores of young architects with her technical accomplishments and her pragmatic, insightful understanding of residential architecture. -- *Residential Architect* The book pays tribute to Selmer's accomplishments while celebrating wood's enduring appeal and warmth. -- *Azure*, Dec. 2006 About the Author Elisabeth Tostrup is a professor of architecture at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design, where she worked together with Wenche Selmer.