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GOOD BOOKS

We review some of the latest books on design

BOOK OF THE MONTH

SMALL SPACES, by Terence Conran (Conran Octopus, £25; H & G Bookshop price £22·99*). Taking a holistic approach to metropolitan living, Conran's latest book proves that even the most cramped living quarters can aspire to majesty. Maximising available space by combining colour, mirrors and crafty storage solutions, his redesigned living spaces demonstrate just how successfully



limitations of space and budget can be conquered. Tiny, illuminated igloos and a Japanese-style boathouse add a global feel to a good illustration of the potential of the most minute space.

BEST OF THE REST

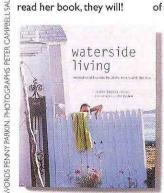
Leslie Geddes-Brown (Ryland Peters & Small, £30; H & G Bookshop price £27·99*). This well-researched book provides not only a history of waterside living, but also conveys a sense of the beauty that results from the marriage of interior and architectural design to the landscape. Geddes predicts that people will increasingly take to the water in the

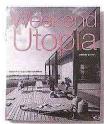
21st century - and if they

WATERSIDE LIVING, by

WEEKEND UTOPIA, by

Alastair Gordon (Princeton Architectural Press, £30; H & G Bookshop price £27-99*). Ex-journalist Alastair Gordon investigates the pull of the Hamptons, the beach-front haunt of New York's social elite. As a lifelong resident, he throws a social as well as an architectural light on the evolution of this area of beach houses - from modernist, austere structures through to more playful concepts, along what F. Scott Fitzgerald termed "the Fresh Green Breast of the New World".





* For details of how to order, please turn to page 173.