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A RARE LOOK FROM A BOOK

We've never seen a book so full of metro Detroit's flashy new mansions as

"Residential Architecture: Living Places," which is coming out very soon from the Ashley Group (\$39.95).

This is no neutral party's roundup of fine homes. It's all work from the office of Bloomfield Hills architect Dominick Tringali, meant partly as a marketing piece for his firm.

The display of spectacular houses includes many that average people never see, because they're tucked back on private property or in a gatehouse community. Locations include Franklin, Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake and Grosse Pointe Shores.

Many of the huge mansions are awesome in the traditional meaning of the word. The captions should be rewritten to say: "it's amazing what you can do with \$10 million."

A few are original homes designed to fit a tight space, such as some neighborhoods in Birmingham. One is just 26 feet wide.



"Residential Architecture: Living Places," by the office of Bloomfield Hills architect Dominick Tringali, showcases mansions throughout metro Detroit, houses that few people get to see.

Readers will recognize many owners' names, including the Detroit Pistons' Joe Dumars.

At Tringali's office, marketing coordinator Leah Plotkin says the book is meant to help potential clients know the steps toward an architect-designed home. "A lot of clients don't know – do they contact the designer first or contact an architect?"

For the rest of us, it's just a look at some houses we never get to see.

"Residential Architecture: Living Places" will be for sale soon at bookstores and www.amazon.com