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Amazon.com Names Sarah Susanka's

***Not So Big Remodeling* As One Of The Best Books For 2009**

Susanka's eighth book among top 10 of customer favorites in the Home & Garden category.

RALEIGH, N.C. (Dec. 7, 2009) – The results are in. More than 10 years after readers first embraced architect Sarah Susanka's message to "build better, not bigger," the Not So Big[®] values of living responsibly, sustainably and meaningfully continue to resonate with the public. Susanka's eighth book, *Not So Big Remodeling* (The Taunton Press, Feb. 2009), was recently named a top 10 customer favorite in the Home & Garden category of Amazon.com's Best Books of 2009. The book received a high customer rating of four-and-a-half out of five stars.

Her first book, *The Not So Big House*, launched a modern revolution in house design, bringing together homeowners and professionals to create houses that favor quality over quantity. With *Not So Big Remodeling*, Susanka and co-author Marc Vassallo provide an abundance of advice and know-how in evaluating problem areas, identifying the most effective strategies for solving these challenges and simultaneously improving the home's layout for today's lifestyles.

"Between the feedback I was receiving from readers and the current changes happening in the housing market, I was confident that the solutions presented in *Not So Big Remodeling* would resonate strongly with homeowners and remodelers," said Susanka. "I was thrilled to learn that it had been chosen as a customer favorite for 2009."

Three Ways to a Not So Big Remodel

Not So Big Remodeling is a user-friendly guide to identifying and evaluating common problems in home design that teaches readers to approach design solutions the way an architect would. Susanka's three approaches to remodeling the Not So Big way – working within the existing footprint, bumping out and adding on just a little – encourage homeowners to seek out small changes that make a big impact.

Sustainable Beauty

In *Not So Big Remodeling*, Susanka also introduces homeowners and professionals to a new definition of "green" that refers not only to the sustainability, energy efficiency and durability of a house, but also to its innate beauty and the appropriateness of its size. Because people tend to take care of the places they love, improving a home's character without increasing its size is truly a sustainable act. With her uncanny ability to tackle even the loftiest subject matter, Susanka explores the process of incorporating "green" elements into a remodeling project in a way that is accessible to everyone.

About Sarah Susanka, FAIA, www.NotSoBigHouse.com

Susanka is the author of eight books that collectively weave together home and lifestyle, revealing that a “Not So Big” attitude serves not only architectural aims, but life goals as well. Her books have sold well over one million copies and include: *The Not So Big House*, *Creating the Not So Big House*, *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home*, *Home By Design*, *Inside the Not So Big House*, *Outside the Not So Big House*, *The Not So Big Life* and the 10th Anniversary edition of Susanka’s first book, *The Not So Big House*. Susanka’s eighth book, *Not So Big Remodeling*, was released in February to rave reviews and is an Amazon.com best seller. Susanka is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council. She was born in Kent, England, and lives in North Carolina. Join her online community at <http://www.NotSoBigHouse.com>.

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