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PRIVATE RESIDENCE, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

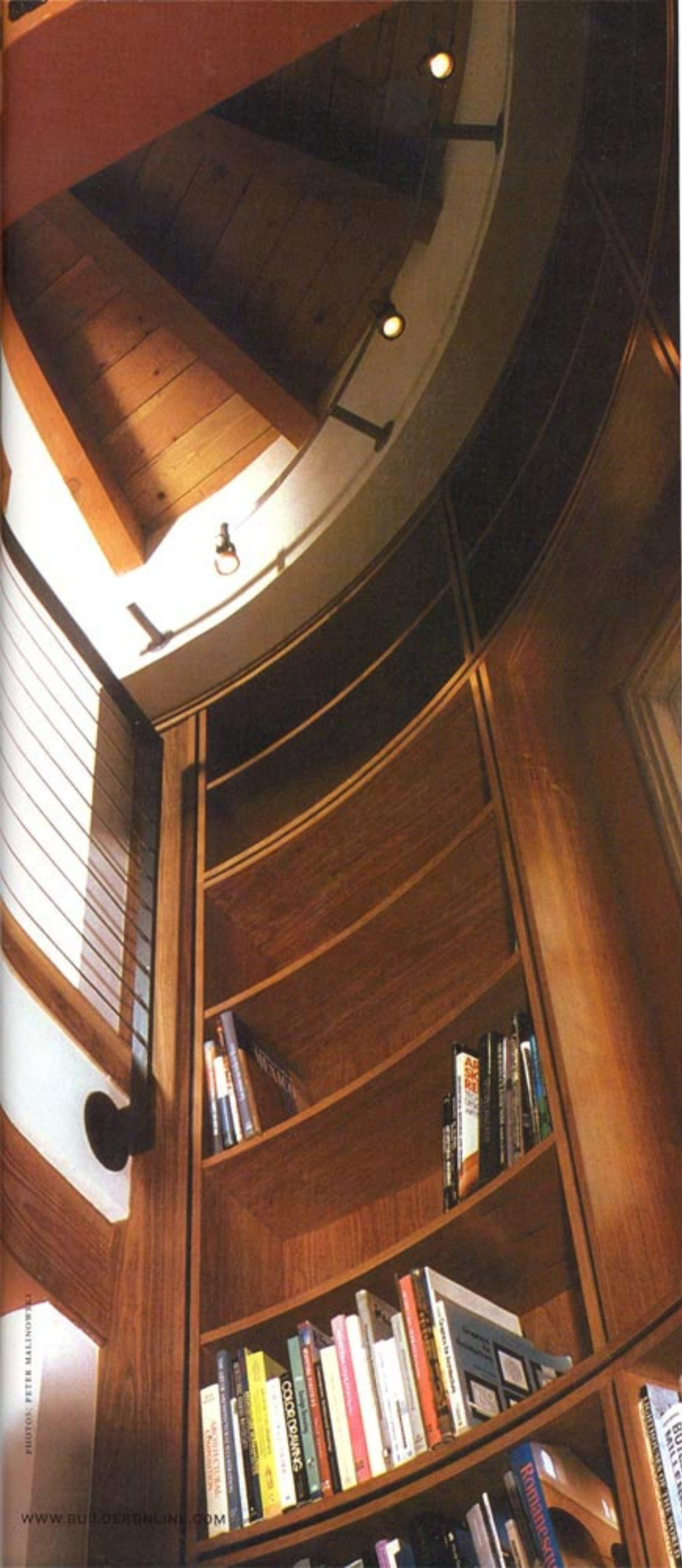
Best Custom Home—under 4,000 square feet

SIX YEARS. THAT'S HOW LONG IT TOOK TO GET THIS 3,700-SQUARE-FOOT CUSTOM HOME permitted and built in Santa Barbara's Pueblo Viejo historic district, notorious for its stringent design guidelines. And only one of those years was spent building this exquisitely detailed, very custom home.

Many of its exterior elements borrow from the city's architectural fabric—white stucco, iron, stone-clad colonnade, and a tile roof. The sticking point was the incorporation of other modern forms found in Viennese secession architecture of the 20th century.

At 2,950 square feet, the lot for this three-story home is smaller than the house. Yet, inside, the house feels spacious. A 26-foot-long vaulted gallery leads visitors to an oval story-and-a-half library. A visiting artist's studio and living space occupies the first floor, with the main living and dining areas on the second. Live/work spaces and a roof garden cap the third floor, with views to the city, mountains, and the ocean.

Builder: Berkus Construction, Santa Barbara, Calif.; **Architect:** B3 Architects, a Berkus Design Studio, Santa Barbara



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