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Coleton Fishacre, Devon: National Trust Guidebook (Paperback)

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NATIONAL TRUST, United Kingdom, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Coleton Fishacre was the weekend retreat of opera and hospitality impresario Rupert D Olyly Carte, son of Richard, whose family company gave us the hugely popular operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan and owned both the Art Deco-furnished Savoy and Claridge s hotels in London. In the 1920s Rupert and Lady Dorothy D Olyly Carte were sailing along the south Devon coast. Looking for a country retreat, they were inspired to make this beautiful valley running down to the sea the site for an elegant home where they could entertain in style and indulge in their passion for the outdoors. Designed and built by Oswald Milne and inspired by the Arts Crafts movement, a former assistant to architect Edwin Lutyens, the house was built using local materials including stone quarried from the garden. It was the ideal location for relaxation, outdoor pursuits and entertaining. Amongst the many weekend guests were the conductor Sir Malcolm Sargent and the painter Charles Ricketts. Visitors would take part in bridge parties, shooting, fishing, sailing and spending time in Pudcombe Cove, a private beach at the bottom of the garden. Its magical...



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