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Hotel Raya, "a days boat ride north of Sicily." Ypma also offers up a few non-tropical surprises, such as The Lugger in Cornwall, England, a converted smugglers fort now catering to the sybaritic pleasures of its guests. The azure-rich photographs in this elegantly designed paperback give readers a peek at the lush interiors of the ultra modern getaways that are Ypmas focus, while dozens of detail-rich thumbnail shots help capture each hotels interior mood. Ypmas prose also bares his trademark flair for conjuring vivid images, as in this description of the Hotelito Desconocido in Jalisco, Mexico: "As you pass through the nearby pueblo-a place straight out of El Mariachi-and descend towards the distant palm trees that tell you the Pacific is not far away, nothing can compete with your first glimpse of this palm-fringed lagoon and its long strip of unending beach." While this slick, immensely readable compendium is not intended as a traditional travel guide, it will serve as an inspiration to spur adventures in lesser-traversed lands. 511 illustrations, 396 in color

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