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sand, and blue is a good rule, Conroy said. Pale pastels like ballet-slipper pink or celery green can also work. “But I would avoid bright red or orange.”

• *Don't be too kitschy.*

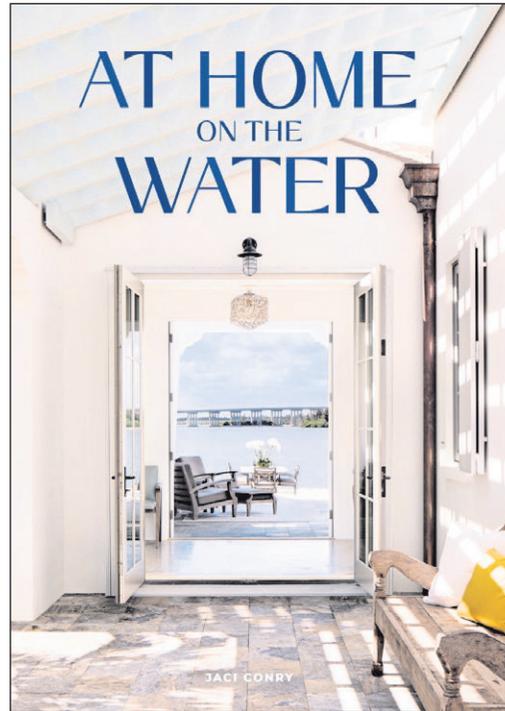
Resist themed accessories, such as over-the-top signs that read, “This way to the beach.” While it’s fine to choose throw pillows in coastal tones, skip the ones with anchor motifs. Likewise, go ahead and hang artwork or photos of seascapes, but bypass the nautical props like ship wheels and fisher nets.

• *Don't underestimate the upkeep.*

Waterfront homes are not low maintenance. Coastal homes take a beating from salt, sun, and storms. Owners of lakefront properties often need to dredge their shorelines, and pools, of course, require regular upkeep. So be careful what you wish for.

Now, if you’ll excuse me, I’m off to put my feet up on the fountain.

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Room with a view — When designing this waterfront home in Ocean City, Maryland, owners used coastal colors, including shades of white, off white, sand, and blue, which is always a good rule, said author Jaci Conroy. Photo Stacy Zarin Goldberg

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