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### **A Guide to an Experiment In Housing Weighs In**

You need a California workout to lift "Case Study Houses: The Complete CSH Program 1946-66" (Taschen; \$105), by Elizabeth Smith, but the book, an exhaustive homage to the houses, is worth the effort. The experimental homes were built after World War II as prototypes for mass housing. The book has pictures and plans by the Eameses, Richard Neutra, Eero Saarinen and others. Pierre Koenig's Case Study 22 in West Hollywood for Carlotta and Buck Stahl is still used in fashion shoots and in movies, like "Nurse Betty." Principal photography by (who else?) Julius Shulman.