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The architecture and design world is a-buzz...the Pritzker Prize has been awarded, for the first time, to an Australian! Not only that. Glenn Murcutt doesn't have one skyscraper in his portfolio. And he hasn't designed a building outside of his homeland. What he does have is a sincere and profound love for the earth that he imparts to his clients, his students, and his profession (fortunately for many of us, he does that on a global scale). Add to that, he's basically a one-man shop who actually answers his own phone (when he's not traveling the world teaching and lecturing or tending to his farm). Our profile of the 2002 Pritzker Prize Laureate hardly does Murcutt justice, but at least it's an introduction to his work and his way of thinking that permeates both his architecture and life. There is much we as an industry, a profession, and individually can learn.

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