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'Arthur' Creator Marc Brown Sells Martha's Vineyard Home for \$6.4 Million

The author-illustrator of the popular children's series spent years and millions of dollars restoring the property with his wife, artist Laurene Krasny Brown

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THE DEAL: "Arthur" creator Marc Brown and his wife, artist Laurene Krasny Brown, sold their 7.8-acre Martha's Vineyard property for \$6.4 million, a year after listing the Vineyard Haven property for \$6.9 million. It was most recently listed for \$6.495 million before going into contract in June.

THE SELLERS: An author-illustrator, Marc created an aardvark character named Arthur who anchored a popular children's book series and TV show of the same name. He and his wife, who goes by Laurie, spent years and millions of dollars restoring the property before deciding they wanted another project closer to their primary home in New York City.

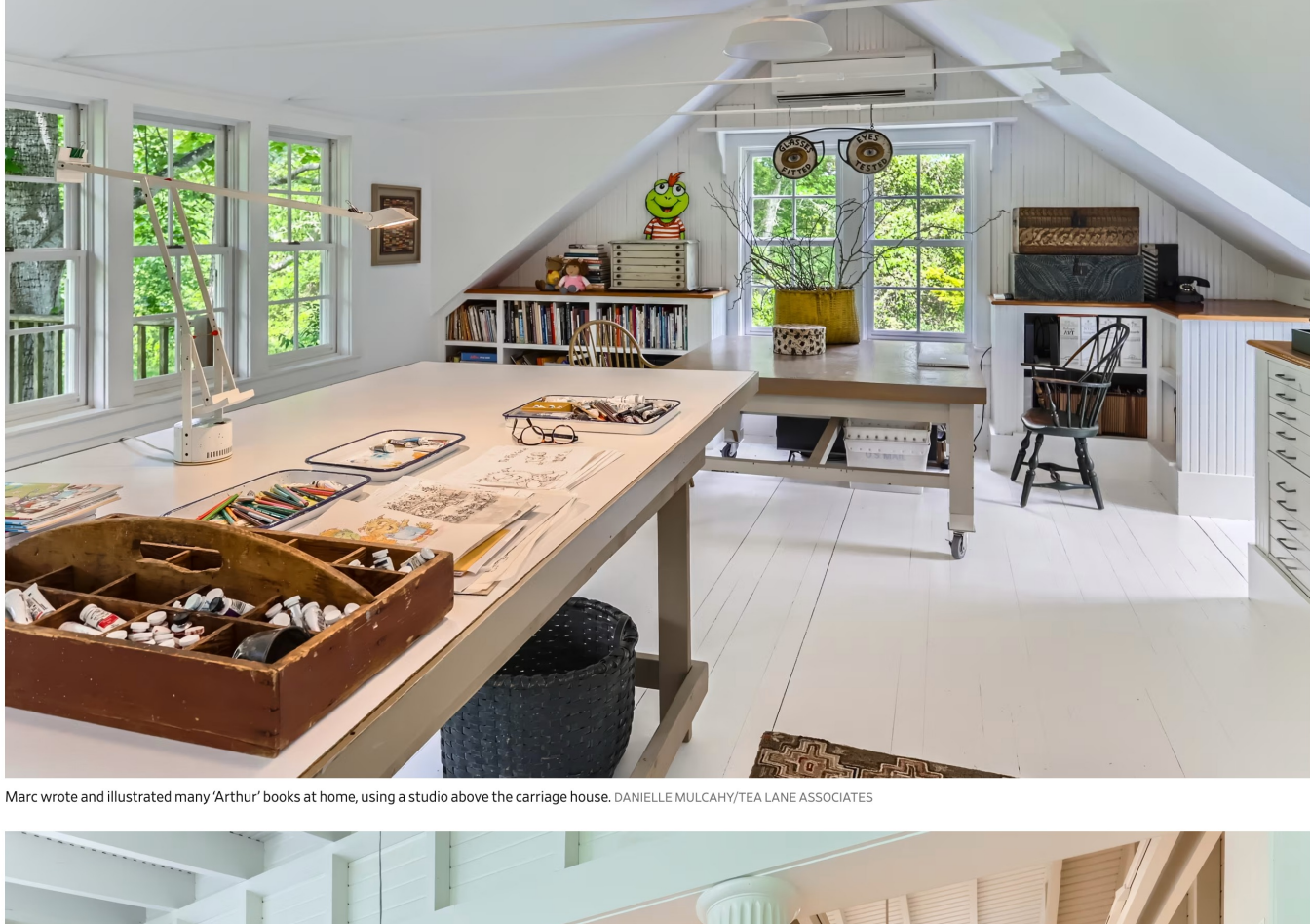
"It was a practical decision," said Marc, who said they have since purchased a home in New York's Hudson Valley.



The Browns renovated the compound, including a circa-1730 main house with five bedrooms. PAUL BRUNO/GOE/PMC/GETTY IMAGES; PBS/EVERETT COLLECTION (ARTHUR); DANIELLE MULCAHY/TEA LANE ASSOCIATES (EXTERIOR)

THE BUYER: After a price drop in October, there were multiple bidders on the property, said listing agent Alexis Holden of Tea Lane Associates/Forbes Global Properties, who marketed the property with colleague Elle Lash. The buyer from California was represented by Julie Flanders of Flanders Up-Island Real Estate. She didn't respond to requests for comment.

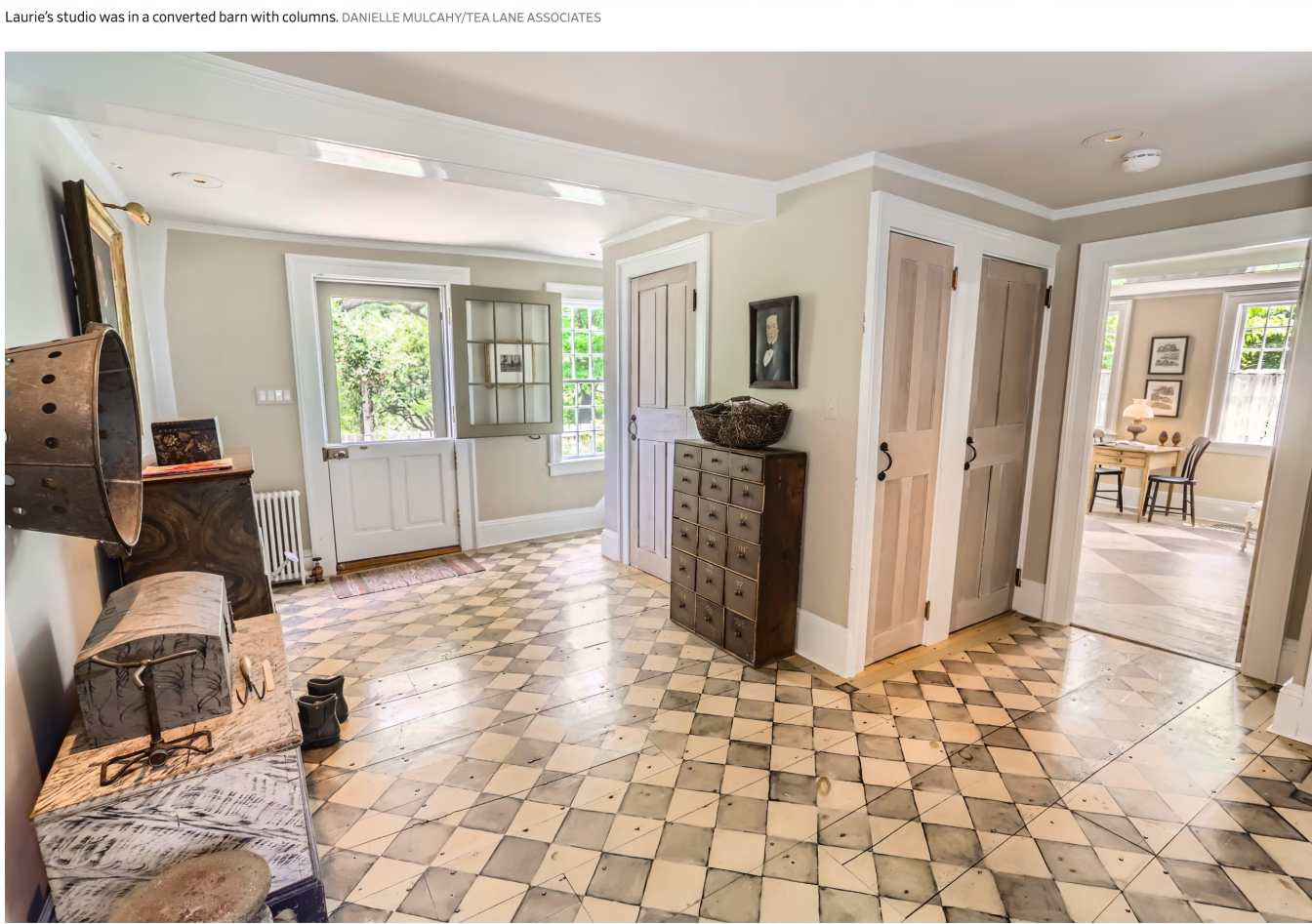
THE SPECS: Located in the Pilot Hill Farm enclave, the Brown property was originally part of a 225-acre dairy farm. There is a roughly 3,700-square-foot main house and a pool.



Marc wrote and illustrated many 'Arthur' books at home, using a studio above the carriage house. DANIELLE MULCAHY/TEA LANE ASSOCIATES



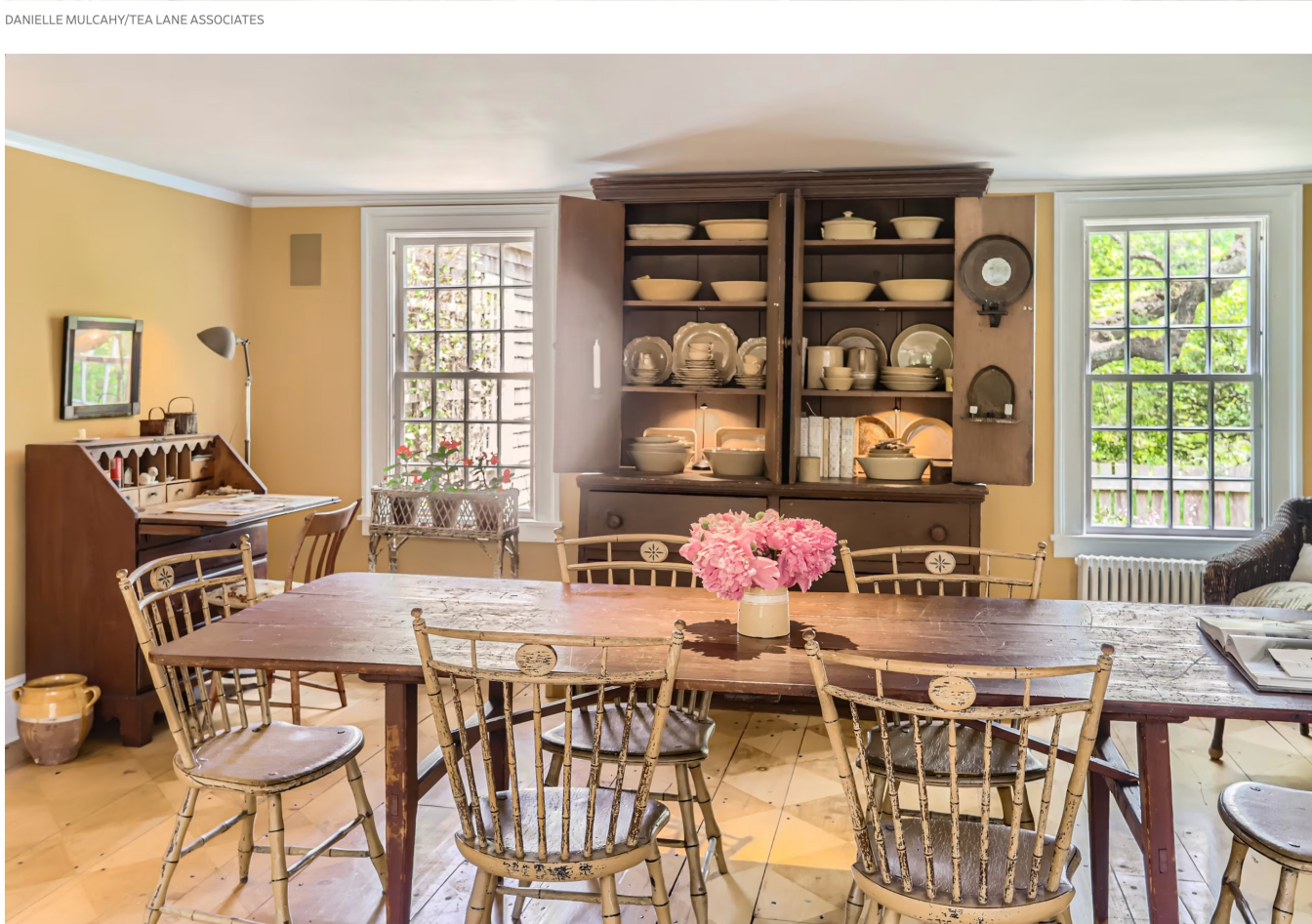
Laurie's studio was in a converted barn with columns. DANIELLE MULCAHY/TEA LANE ASSOCIATES



Marc painted most of the home's wood floors. DANIELLE MULCAHY/TEA LANE ASSOCIATES



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The primary bedroom has an en suite bathroom with a claw-foot tub. DANIELLE MULCAHY/TEA LANE ASSOCIATES



Pilot Hill Farm has access to the beach. MARC FAIRSTEIN/OZOROCO

THE MARKET: "The high-end has definitely been pretty active this spring," said Holden. While the number of home sales on Martha's Vineyard slipped 5% during the first half of the year, compared with the first half of 2025, dollar volume rose 23% year-over-year, driven by demand for high-end properties, according to data from Tea Lane Associates. The average sale price rose 29% year-over-year to a record \$2.53 million.

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