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The Preservation Of Historic Architecture: The U.S. Government's Official Guidelines For Preserving Historic Homes



Synopsis

From removing graffiti in Manhattan to rebuilding a hops barn in Oregon, the National Park Service-a part of the Department of the Interior-has faced just about every problem an old structure can encounter. Here for the first time is a collection of their hardwon know-how and official guidelines, written by the top experts in their respective fields of preservation. Forty-two fully illustrated chapters include:-- cleaning and waterproof coating for historic masonry-- repointing mortar joints-- maintaining historic adobe buildings-- the dangers of abrasive cleaning-- repairing historic wooden windows-- rehabilitating historic storefronts-- repairing wooden shingles-- preserving barns-- repairing stucco-- using substitute materials on historic building exteriors-- mothballing historic buildings-- understanding architectural cast ironThere's even a chapter on repairing vintage signs. Each subject is treated with the utmost care and discusses the safest and most historically accurate repairs. Perhaps just as important as the valuable advice on how to undertake various projects, the guides also give invaluable advice on what not to do-based on years of preservation experience-that can save a homeowner thousands of dollars, hours, and perhaps a priceless piece of architecture. For the student or the professional restorer, THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE is the official government text on saving old buildings.

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Well writen and full of info for anyone who works in the field or just loves old buildings.

Not being familiar with many of the arcane housing construction terms that so many books use, it was refreshing to have a this book go into such detail explaining each area of historic construction touched upon to truly educate interested readers. The only downside being that the book is not a casual read - rather it is more of a technical manual.

This is a great reference and is very thorough. Useful for the historic owner or professional. It covers everything, and then some. This reads more like a text than a how-to manual. It's not a "DIY" book to preserving historical buildings.

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