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Green Restorations: Sustainable Building And Historic Homes



Synopsis

Some 40 percent of North Americans live in homes built prior to 1940, and when it comes time to remodel or restore our older homes, homeowners and contractors can find themselves lost in a morass of wildly divergent information and opinion. With *Green Restorations*, author Aaron Lubeck brings his expertise as a restoration contractor and preservation consultant to this first-of-its-kind guide, leading the reader through the steps for restoring historic buildings using sustainable practices and green building techniques. In a readily accessible room-by-room and system-by-system format, *Green Restorations* covers rehabilitation and remodeling questions applicable to old homes, focusing on the core techniques and debates often seen in practice. Here you'll find the answers to restoration questions, such as: Is sealing my old crawl space a good idea? Should I replace or rehabilitate my windows? Are there historic aspects of my home I need to preserve, and what can I change? What are the cultural, environmental, and financial implications of my proposed changes? Do residential historic tax credits apply to my home, and how can I access them? Written in such a way as to be accessible for homeowners but technical enough for contractors, this book will appeal to anyone trying to green an older home while preserving its historic and cultural significance. Aaron Lubeck is a partner with the award-winning Trinity Design/Build, a restoration and preservation consultancy in North Carolina. He is a member of the United States Green Building Council, and has completed the first historic building to be LEED-certified in North Carolina.

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GREEN RESTORATION: SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND HISTORIC HOMES offers the author's expertise as a restoration contractor and preservation consultant, providing builders and homeowners alike with a fine guide to restoring historic buildings using green practices. Room-by-room restoration descriptions offer solutions for all kinds of issues from sealing an old crawl space to replacing windows. This will be a key guide for any library strong in home renovations.

This is a wonderful book full of great information, much of which had not known about before. The information is valuable for anyone but particularly regarding the practices used while restoring a historical home or building.

Arrived quickly and as described.

This is a great book if you're wanting to find out why you should renovate older homes instead of tearing them down. I wanted a book with techniques on how to save pieces of these buildings but was only told I should, not how to do it. If there is a manual for the restorations I would rather have purchased that.

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