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# New Solutions For House Museums: Ensuring The Long-Term Preservation Of America's Historic Houses (American Association For State And Local History)



## Synopsis

A generational shift is occurring at historic house museums as board members and volunteers retire while few young people step forward to take their place. These landmarks are also plagued by serious deferred maintenance, and many have no endowment funds. What will happen to these sites in the next ten years, and what can be done to assure their continued preservation for generations to come? In *New Solutions for House Museums*, Harris examines possible options and provides a decision-making methodology as well as a dozen case studies of house museums that have made a successful transition to a new owner or user.

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This is an excellent book about the impending crisis in the preservation of house museums, evidenced by fewer visitors and the sale of Carter's Grove by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The book offers several creative ways to adaptively reuse house museums while continuing to preserve them. Clearly and concisely written, the book offers everyone who loves house museums an opportunity to rethink how they will be used and preserved in the future.

I am interested in historic houses. This book serves as an excellent reference book as it details the current challenges facing those engaged in the house museum "business" and the solutions which are available to successfully navigate these problems. Ms. Harris' writing style is very smooth and

her scholarship is outstanding. The footnotes and bibliography provide an excellent source of information for those interested in pursuing this topic further. I recommend this book to anyone studying this field on the graduate school level as well as professionals in the house museum field.

Excellent read.

I expected a book of reference quality; sturdy binding, quality paper. The general quality is cut rate. Printed in China. This book arrived damaged, probably related to the quality of the binding. Will be returning.

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