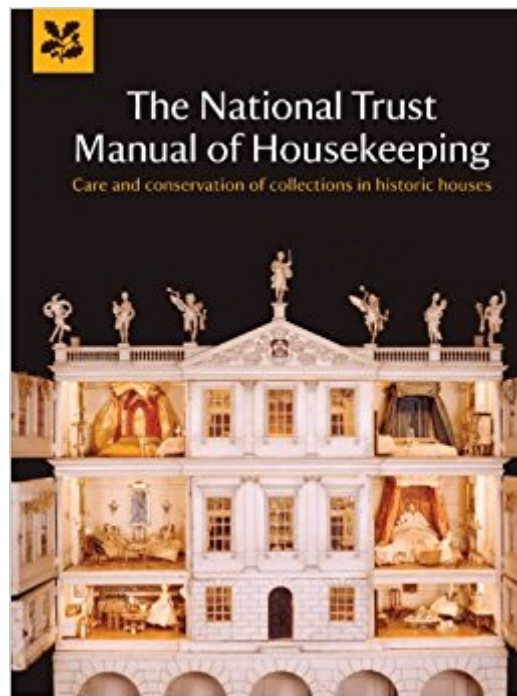


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The National Trust Manual Of Housekeeping: Care And Conservation Of Collections In Historic Houses



Synopsis

This revised edition of the Manual of Housekeeping is essential reading for all those interested in the care of historic houses and their collections, and includes the latest thinking on housekeeping theory and practice. It gives detailed practical guidance on how to care for fragile interiors, maintain decorative fixtures and fittings, and display furnishings and objects within their historic context. In particular, this book highlights the ways in which preventive conservation measures can help reduce the need for expensive repair at a later date. It also explains how to strike the balance between the care and display of historic interiors and the provision for public access. Full of engaging insights into traditional and modern housekeeping techniques, the Manual explains how the nation's treasure homes have survived until today, and champions their future preservation, using conservation science, professional advice, and environmentally sustainable methods and materials. Written by internationally renowned specialists and published by the National Trust, this book brings together many years of practical experience in the care of hundreds of historic houses and their collections.

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This book covers all of the grounds. Everything is discussed from how to store your collection to why perfect temperature and humidity control might NOT be the right way to go in an historic building. Beautifully written and illustrated, I wouldn't be without this invaluable tool.

First, this book is heavy. I wouldn't be surprised if it weighed 10 pounds. And it's chockful of

information, most of it beyond the ordinary housekeeper's needs. I bought it because I consult with families on such issues and I'm truly interested in the details of the home but even I'm surprised by the amount of detail which is just beyond my needs. There is so much information about relative humidity, I felt it was raining indoors. And the excessive amount of detail makes it difficult to find the information you're actually looking for. I don't think there's enough how-to in the book, rather it's full of what ifs. I'm glad to have it and will be spending more time with it. It's just slow going.

Great book for taking care of historic our historic hour.

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