

1. **Petrina Dawson** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)
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 **Two Stars** March 17, 2018
More of a textbook on how to navigate laws and incentives than a do it yourself book..
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2. **VASC** reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)
 **Both informative and fun to read!** March 3, 2018
The Tylers weave practical hands-on preservation, solid research techniques and the history of Greek Revival architecture into this book recounting their efforts to uncover the roots of their historic Midwest home. This delightful tale of their personal journey and adventuresome travels also answers many questions—both practical and mythic about the Greek Revival—a style that swept through the fledgling United States in the first half of the nineteenth century. It is accurate, informative and also fun to read.
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3. **Joe** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)
 **Four Stars** October 2, 2017
Good book for the ideas behind Historical Preservation.
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4. **NSClarke** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)
 **Written so the lay(wo)man can understand** September 28, 2017
Great introduction to historic preservation. Written so the lay(wo)man can easily understand. Purchased as part of a continuing education course on historic preservation.
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5. **thex** reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)
0 of 1 people found the following helpful
 **Has words and pictures** August 19, 2017
Not gonna tell anyone anything about the book because I used it for a planning course at university and read less than 1/4 of it.
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6. **Robert Kane** reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)
 **Good read** March 12, 2017
It was required for my course. It is a decent read if city planning is something you are interested in?
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7. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)



An Entertaining & Engaging Greek Revival Travel

Adventure February 9, 2017

While Norm and Ilene Tyler's "Greek Revival in America" may sound like a book that would appeal by title to architects and students of architecture only, the adventure this couple embarks on in their quest to uncover the architectural history of their beautiful, old house in Ann Arbor makes for a great and entertaining read for all. The book opens with what seems like an improbable tale concerning one of the 20+ foot columns that takes an unexpected tumble across the front lawn of their grand historic home (original structure built circa 1830's). This incident sparks a unique gum-shoe trail for Ilene and Norm as they research and uncover stories about the home's original owner (Judge Robert Wilson), subsequent home-owners (some characters are quite colorful) – and mainly – why this stately home was built in replication of a Greek temple in a former Midwestern frontier town in the first place. Ilene and Norm are not long for insignificant details that detract from their pursuit of the origin of those grand columns in front of their dream home. The reader continues to be drawn by their folksy narrative and well-documented travel-research that takes sometimes Norm and mostly both authors to New York State, England, and finally Athens Greece. Ilene and Norm provide unique insight to the architectural uninitiated about why we should care about their passion for the old house. (For one we learn that Teddy Kennedy made a speech in their parlor during his presidential run). Historic facts aside, we ultimately care because Ilene and Norm are able to weave an intriguing story that includes a little mystery, fun, adventure and fact-finding. Not boring textbook "facts", but unearthed stories that lead Ilene and Norm -- and this reader - on a deeper mission involving adventure, overcoming obstacles and uncovering hidden historic landmarks. After finishing the book one mystery however still remains: how did Ilene and Norm – as husband and wife - manage to write such an entertaining book together – and yet remain professional partners and friends? That question is also part of the endearing appeal of a story that is perhaps best described as a travel-log adventure with a historic twist. Don't be fooled: "Greek Revival in America" is far from a text book. Highly recommended reading for anyone interested in history, art, community, travel, and relationships! Show Less [View on Amazon.com](#) [Add a comment](#) [View this book's reviews on Amazon.com](#)

8. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)



After you read the Tylers' book, be prepared to start the search for your own home's history January 27, 2017

Others already have spoken about the journey taken in this book as the authors trace the history of their stunning Ann Arbor home. Much is learned about the Greek Revival style in America and its adaptation in the Midwest. So let me speak here to another fine outcome one can expect from reading this text: you, too, can research the history of your home and experience the satisfaction of recognizing why it looks and functions the way it does! Research a Queen Anne home and you learn all about the revolution in the building trades because of balloon-frame construction and machine-made nails...and, by the way, the utter abandonment of Classicism. Study your humble Bungalow and be drawn deeply into the Progressive Era and the extraordinary transformation of women's lives. Consider your Mid-Century Modern beauty and come to understand that World War II also was fought on drafting boards. In other words, reader, you'll be moved to

action by this worthwhile text by Norm and Ilene Tyler! After you read it, you'll be inspired to go in search of your own home's history. Show Less

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9. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

 **well written book which covers the research and journey the authors made in order to discover how their wonderful example of a G** January 7, 2017

This is a very fascinating, well written book which covers the research and journey the authors made in order to discover how their wonderful example of a Greek Revival residence came to be built in Ann Arbor, Michigan in the 1840's. Their story starts the day one of the massive columns on the front of their home fell down. They were able to study "the historic construction of the shattered column" and wondered where this quality craftsmanship come from at the time the home was built. Thus began their journey of exploration to find the roots of the design of this historically significant home, which has been beautifully restored. To unravel the mystery they traveled to New York, England and finally to Greece and they take the reader right along with them. It is like a detective story with a great ending! Show Less

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10. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

 **Quite a fun journey from middle America to ancient Greece!** January 2, 2017

Quite a fun journey from middle America to ancient Greece! The author's search for the source of design of their home in Ann Arbor takes them through upstate New York to England and finally to Athens. It's an interesting story nicely illustrated and an easy read. Makes one want to follow in their footsteps.

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11. [Lit lover 55](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

 **Delightful and fascinating!** December 9, 2016

This is a fascinating book, jointly written in a conversational style, full of interesting information about Greek revival architecture in the US, its antecedents, and the search of its authors to wind their way through Greek revival architecture in the US, Britain, and Greece.

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12. [Levi Warner](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)

 **Five Stars** November 16, 2016

No complaints. Informative, served its purpose as class reading

13. [Chris](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)
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 It provides much historical context and I enjoy that aspect of it September 21, 2016

As an Urban Planning major, I am required to read many texts about community development. This text was very interesting and focused on some of the architects and planners that changed the direction of planning in the U.S. It provides much historical context and I enjoy that aspect of it. Great book and an easy read. Good condition.
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14. [Paul](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

 Five Stars July 19, 2016

Good reading for my Introduction to Historic Preservation's class.

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15. [JCT](#) reviewed [The Peace Corps, Sierra Leone, and Me](#)

 It was great reading these stories of life in Sierra Leone over ... July 12, 2016

It was great reading these stories of life in Sierra Leone over two years, driving on difficult roads, coordinating shipments of materials, building projects and working with all different kinds of people. It seemed like there was always something to do, and plenty of unpredictability as well.

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16. [KVR](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

 A great book! Excellent basics in a growing field July 8, 2016

A great book! Excellent basics in a growing field.

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17. [Mark D. Walker](#) reviewed [The Peace Corps, Sierra Leone, and Me](#)

 Great Case Study of WAWA (West Africa Wins Again) May 25, 2016
THIS MEMOIR IS ABOUT THE JOURNEY of a naïve 19-year-old who joins the Peace Corps and heads "up-country" to Kenema, Sierra Leone, on the Liberian border, from 1964 to 1966. His trek was about seven years before my PCV experience in Guatemala, after which I eventually arrived in Sierra Leone with my family as the director of an international child care agency. My experience there allowed me to commiserate with much of Norman's story. Upon my arrival in Sierra Leone, I remember thinking, "And I thought I knew what poverty was — and diseases — lassa fever and green monkey disease — yikes!" (I don't remember Ebola being mentioned, but you get the picture). I've always admired the PCVs who served and were able to survive the rigors of "Salone."

One intriguing sidebar describes the local "chop" (cuisine), which I never got used to because of the occasional monkey hand at the bottom of the stew. We both enjoyed the national dish, "groundnut stew," a peanut butter-based stew for which he provides a recipe.

Peace Corps Volunteer Norman was an aspiring architect who becomes a "Jack of all trades" as a member of the social development team responsible for infrastructural projects, which meant that logistics would be a key to success. Welcome to "WAWA" (West Africa Wins Again) which, as Norman describes, means that whatever could go wrong will. "Tiffing" (stealing) is a national pastime, for example. The author got up one morning to find all four tires of his Jeep were gone. On another occasion someone poked a stick into his window and made off with his pants. This, of course, meant that he had to "sack" (fire) the night guard, which was always a crap shoot — and also find a competent cook.

The author refers to the Peace Corps Land Rovers as the "bane of my life," as were the horrendous roads that were downright dangerous possibly due to the 120 inches of rainfall in the wet season and the constant foot traffic. The author's driving record was sketchy at best, and included running into a local woman, innumerable animals and rolling the old C4211 Land Rover, but he was considered a reliable driver by his fellow PCVs since he didn't drink alcohol.

The book provides a broader view of West Africa when the author takes a boat to Nigeria. He also shares the story of a fellow PCV who traveled throughout South Africa, Egypt and into Europe. The Peace Corps, Sierra Leone, and Me is more than a travel memoir; it is of physical and spiritual self-discovery throughout in the topography, culture, cuisine, politics and history of Sierra Leone. Show Less

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18. [David Arbogast](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)



A solid primer May 9, 2016

This is probably the quintessential American textbook for historic preservation, replacing the pair of books by James Marson Fitch. It covers the history of the preservation movement in America and its various applications from government to private sectors. Having lived through most of the period, I did not find anything new to myself. However, for someone wishing to enter the profession, this is a solid primer.

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19. [lois](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)



She was very pleased with the book and highly complementary of the selection April 19, 2016

The book was purchased to be donated to a public library in honor of a speaker who is a Community Development specialist. She was very pleased with the book and highly complementary of the selection.

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20. [Emily](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

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Highly Recommended February 18, 2016

I got this book as a requirement for my Architecture and Historical Preservation class. I actually enjoy learning and reading about this topic as it gives you a different

perspective on what is around you.

This book gives you examples of types of architecture styles, gives you pictures for examples and touches base on sustainability topics etc!

Even if your not taking a class in this subject it is very interesting to learn and will pertain to anyone.

The book is a nice small size - not like a heavy textbook.

The price is absolutely reasonable. Show Less

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21. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

 Five Stars January 2, 2016

Perfect condition

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22. [KanKan](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)
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 Enjoyed the read November 30, 2015

Great introductory book for urban planning. Good visuals and references are easy to find.

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23. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)

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 it arrived in great condition and is exactly what I needed November 16, 2015

Needed the book for school, it arrived in great condition and is exactly what I needed! As for the book, little boring at parts, but it's a college textbook so. . Actually pretty exciting for a college book.

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24. [Amazon Customer](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

 Five Stars November 10, 2015

Excellent material and references. Thanks!

25. [T. Rack](#) reviewed [The Peace Corps, Sierra Leone, and Me](#)

 Carefully crafted with beautiful details October 26, 2015

Additional resources to thoroughly enjoy this story were exactly where needed: several clear maps, pictures with people, places and things described in the text, a recipe for a favorite peanut stew, a list of references on the complicated political and military history of Sierra Leone, and side bars with the author's reflections of changes over the 50 years since this experience. One such reflection is about the many animals that were part of the author's household and how differently animal interactions are viewed. The chapters are logically arranged and there is a list of the side bar items, similar to an index. There

is a brief account of the Ebola virus outbreak from 2013 - 2015.

The author was an exceptionally young volunteer, only 19 years when he departed the U.S. He seems both intelligent and wise, recognizing that it was his status as a white foreigner which gave him credibility with construction projects on which there were always more experienced local personnel. He notes that his decision to avoid all alcohol caused the unforeseen consequence of 14 dental fillings. When returning home, traveling through Italy, he describes wine as a "graceful complement" to meals and reversed his abstinence!

Although the author's experiences are mainly with other foreigners, what a busy schedule he maintained, despite considerable challenges with vehicles and living conditions that included at least 4 different cooks for the compound of 3 - 5 mostly male volunteers....one cook was sent to jail for a year. The cast of characters includes a variety of foreign aid agencies, Lebanese merchants, American military pilots who emergency land near his home and take the author for aerial views (a picture provided), and foreign missionaries as well as dozens of incoming and departing Peace Corps volunteers.

The reports of his vacation through Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon are tributes to youthful enthusiasm and endurance. He traveled mostly alone and shares experiences from locals as well as other travelers in central Africa. Readers have an exceptional treat with the additional story of his friend, Jeff Mareck. It includes a particularly poignant account of the simple funeral service for Dr. Albert Schwitzer in Lambarene, Gabon. Readers are given a follow-up of the author's 50 years as an architect who learned to listen to clients and assist in the construction of communities, as much as buildings. Respectful personal and professional compliments to his architect wife and his parents are refreshing, as are his appreciations for the donated photos of fellow volunteers and their continuing friendships. There is a little overlaps, mainly in mentioned administrators, with David Gerald Mill's "My Heart Is Like a Cabbage", also published in 2015, by a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone in 1962 - 1964. Both author's were fortunate to survive incidents when volunteers were provided vehicles inadequate to the conditions. This memoir was a delight - heavy with details, but structurally sufficient to glimpse an idealistic attitude that thrived on practical experiences. Those experiences both grounded and enhanced a life of service in several communities, over many decades. Read this and be inspired. Show Less

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26. [Patricia E. Perez](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)

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Great seller September 27, 2015

Exactly how it was described and shipped right away!!

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27. [Amber Ray](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)



Five Stars August 25, 2015

Exactly what I wanted!

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28. [K.D.](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)



Great for Newbies to the subject. April 27, 2015

Very informative book for anyone new to historic preservation. I recommend it.
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29. [Amanda D. Davis](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)



A modern day adventure through time and place... April 9, 2015

This is a wonderful read as well as a modern day adventure through ancient spaces, places and ideas that have formed the foundation of the Greek Revival architectural style in America. I was fascinated by the authors' journey and I learned quite a few very interesting things through the reading of this book. Most fascinating to me was the temple that encompassed the endpoint of their journey and the historic, cultural and spiritual significance it holds. I truly felt the temenos (spirit of place) just oozing off the pages, engaging my experience as an architectural historian and preservationist, as well as my truth as a spiritual seeker. I feel my curiosity to learn more about the Temple on the Ilissus, the Eleusinian Mysteries and the stories of Artemis, Demeter and Persephone will lead me to my own adventures through time.

I had the pleasure of being a student of both Norm and Ilene Tyler during my studies at Eastern Michigan University for my Master's degree, where they both quickly became two of my all time favorite instructors, and people! I admired their home in Ann Arbor and photographed it several times as an undergrad at the University of Michigan, before I knew them and, I believe, before they purchased the home. This book is a perfect complement to all they taught me about architecture, historic preservation, design, places & spaces and a fitting tribute to a gorgeous home that will remain forever a treasure in my mind. I highly recommend this educational and entertaining story.
Enjoy! Show Less

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30. [Cordoba](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)



Greek Revival look in the 21st Century March 8, 2015

Attended school with one of the authors, and would like to congratulate them for their work in developing a professional book on the historic and architectural history work in a fun, easy to read and fascinating story. I followed them all the way, from Ann Arbor to Greece, places that I had been also and understood their thoughts. The Greek Revival home in Rochester happened to be also the home I researched many years ago as the home of one of the philanthropist of the Connecticut of the Western Reserve, in the the 19th century, which is part of NE Ohio. Their remarks on its architecture was on target. The reading is so much fun, that I took the book on my trips as something to enjoy. Loved their approach. We, the readers shared their journey. Show Less

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31. [N N](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)



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Yes...a very nice book. I am an Architect who does HIstoric renovations. I bought this book as a reference.

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32. [Ann Arbor customer](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

 Five Stars February 21, 2015

This is an excellent book for anyone interested in American Greek Revival buildings. Well done.

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33. [Robert M. Ward](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

 Probably the most significant and useful were in Athens January 12, 2015
The authors are professional architects and scholars who purchased a mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is an outstanding example of architecture that originated in the classical period of ancient Greece. The decision to purchase the structure combined their expertise in historic preservation with years as architects.

The Tylers realized the building needed tender, loving care and this caused them to become involved in the detailed components of their investment. One day the collapse of one of the four pillars, and the need to replace it, led them to consider an in-depth history of the building from its first owner onward and emphasizes the origin of its exterior design.

Their investigation focused on the four columns, capitals, and pediments. This led them to areas of nearby Michigan, then to the east coastal areas of the U. S., next to England, and ultimately to Greece. Along the way they took a multitude of photographs that are neatly tied to the textual material. Books of design models, i.e. pattern books, were pursued along the journey. Fortune followed and led them to key personal contacts at various stops. Probably the most significant and useful were in Athens, Greece.

The book is structured well as it traces important leads from site to site and country to country. It is an architectural historian's dream-come true. Although the nomenclature occasionally causes a reader to check a dictionary, most readers will quickly begin to understand the terms used to describe the components of Greek Revival buildings.

Certainly a majority of readers will appreciate the chronological structure of the book. The narrative assumes the character of a mystery story with a mildly surprising ending. The style of writing is easy to read. A good bibliography is included. The research work and the tenancy of the authors are impressive. It is unlikely that many people would go to the extremes in cost and time to complete this quest.

The book, *Greek Revival in America*, is recommended for the general public, but especially those with a background in architecture. Show Less

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34. [zhang_xiaofeng](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)
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text book. i like it
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35. [Susan Wineberg](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)
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a great read and romp through centuries of history to discover the mysterious origins of a house!
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36. [grace m. shackman](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)
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 A fascinating book explaining the history of Greek Revival architecture ... December 2, 2014
A fascinating book explaining the history of Greek Revival architecture through the example of one house and the eyes of one couple. Architects Norm and Ilene Tyler, owners of a landmark Greek Revival house in Ann Arbor Michigan, traced its roots starting with similar houses in southeast Michigan to ones in New York state which were believed to be the inspiration since the original owner hailed from there. Going further back, they visited England to find how Greek Revival became the fashion in the 18th century after two Englishmen carefully studied Greek temples. The book ends with a trip Ilene and Norm took to Greece, where, through some clever sleuthing, they find the site of the Greek temple that evidence points to being the prototype for their house. Illustrated with color photos and filled with anecdotes of their adventures, it is a delightful way to learn about this important American style of architecture.
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37. [Christine Crockett](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)
2 of 2 people found the following helpful
 **One of the finest examples of what was to be ultimately called Greek ...** November 22, 2014
Few can fathom how the Greek War of Independence captured the imagination of Americans about 200 years ago. Having only recently freed ourselves from British dominance, Americans sympathized with the cradle of democracy as they fought for autonomy from the Ottoman Empire. So intense was American affinity for Greece that even our domestic architecture reflected deep admiration for the graceful proportions and powerful lines of the temple form. It was declared the American style. One of the finest examples of what was to be ultimately called Greek Revival sits in a prominent place in the oldest residential neighborhood of Ann Arbor, where, being the location of the University of Michigan, is sometimes referred to as the "Athens of the West." This
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circuitous story of the Wilson-Wahr house pedigree takes the reader from Ann Arbor to New York State, London, Athens, Syros, and Mykonos, to myriad ancient sites, houses, and libraries to trace the inspiration for this distinct tetra temple style house. The two authors are committed preservationists and accomplished teachers and architects who sought to tell the story not only of their significant historic house, but also a chapter in the history of a famous university town. Their tenacity paid off as they ultimately uncover the roots of their home's architecture both on the celebrated Acropolis and also in the remnants of a largely forgotten temple that once played an important role in the civic life of ancient Athens. It is a story of friendships, luck, industriousness, and love of the material culture of both America and Greece. Show Less

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38. [John C. Leeke](#) reviewed [Greek Revival in America: Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens](#)

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 **Every page a Visual Delight** November 20, 2014

My copy of Greek Revival in America arrived today. I've only scanned through it, but here's my initial take.

It's a story that stretches across the millennia, from today when a single porch column fell on the lawn, back to the Greek artisans who devised these iconic symbols of man, nature, religion and the architecture of western culture.

Every page is a visual delight and stimulating read. While it's only about 100 pages I think it's going to take me weeks to digest it all. More later...

-- John Leeke,

a column hugger from wayback Show Less

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39. [AmyKay87](#) reviewed [Planning and Community Development: A Guide for the 21st Century](#)

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 **Recommend!** October 11, 2014

Great, great book. recommended for my urban planning class, gives a great history and a thorough explanation of each section. Recommend!

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40. [rickie t. james](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

 **Five Stars** October 6, 2014

good reading love it recomend.

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41. [James](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

1 of 1 people found the following helpful

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I needed this book for my Historic Preservation class and so far from what I've read it's a great book! It's also helpful that it's extremely easy to read even with out any knowledge of the subject.

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42. **thenoman** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)



Considering adopting it for my class... September 4, 2014

Clearly written overview of the field. I am considering assigning it the next time I teach my preservation class.

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43. **Purna Dangol** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)



Five Stars August 13, 2014

Helpful.

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44. **Kelsey** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)



Five Stars August 1, 2014

Everything I thought it would be. Learned a lot

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45. **The Sassy Countess** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

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It Sinks In May 20, 2014

When I had to read this book for class, I thought it boring and obvious. However, I find myself quoting it in other classes and in other books. It makes sense. It is very pro-preservation, and completely biased, which is another reason that I didn't like it at first. However, the term "edutainment" has stuck with me as I delve more into historic sites. I can see the relevance of the term, and its implication - both good and bad. It also tells us what the National Park does, and doesn't do, which I also found helpful. I just say be prepared for blah blah when you read, then go back over it. I think that you will find useful information if you can get past the officialism of it. Show Less

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46. **YANG YIMENG** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

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Very good!! October 2, 2013

I received this book this afternoon. It's good and I like it very much!

The 2nd version is really much better than the 1st version!

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 **Great Introduction to Preservation** March 13, 2012
This book provides a very solid overview of the historic preservation movement in American. It has chapters on architectural styles, the foundation and history of preservation, the legal process of listing sites, the Register of Historic Sites, the differences between historic districts, landmarks, and areas, and preservation economics and planning. The book covers the long term issues typically associated with preserving historic buildings and it also highlights the uphill battle that has been fought by preservationists through the years. It is full of sketches and images of important historic sites and to show differences in architectural styles. The complex topics of restoration, renovation, and conservation are explained in detail. A great introduction to an important topic.
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51. **Ryan** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)
 **Read More, Learn More** October 5, 2011
Preservation is always a difficult field to get into; there is a lot to learn and so many sources to turn to. Look no further. This book is a great starter introduction to the preservation field. It covers the basics like: How did preservation get started? What is

the legal basis? What tools are available to me today? Once it lays the groundwork, it dives into things like Section 106 reviews and Historic Districts, Commercial Main Street Programs and much much more! A great book for both students and advocates alike! I will recommend to everyone. Show Less

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Great reference for planning commissioners, students, and new professionals in the field! May 20, 2011

An excellent tour through the world of community planning and economic development. This is the textbook I wish my professor had used when I signed up for that intro course in college!

Staying far away from planning buzzwords, the authors have managed to provide a thorough but highly readable text covering the planning profession, as well as the many areas of specialization included within it. The book is aimed at the college textbook market, but is dense with ideas and examples which make it a great reference for planning commissioners and new professionals in the field to keep nearby.

Tyler and Ward's book teaches the history of urban planning and evolution of planning theory within a practical context. Discussions of classical concepts of city building and urban design blend with practical applications and examples for today's planners.

Topics too often neglected in other planning textbooks are covered here, including planning for rural communities, capital improvements planning, and local economic development strategies. This book also offers the best chapter on zoning and land use/land development regulations that I have found anywhere. Show Less

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53. **Zacjoda** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)



Fantastic Introduction into Preservation September 13, 2010

This is a great book to begin the study of historical preservation in America. My only criticism is there could be more color photography to help the authors illustrate their examples, the different architectural styles and preservation sites. Well written and pragmatic, good starter book for the would-be preservationist with many, many suggestions on further reading. I highly recommend this book.

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54. **William Neumann** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice \(Second...](#)

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A wonderful textbook for everyone in Historic Preservation March 13, 2009

Anyone who seeks knowledge from a text book expects a structured course of solid detail. But sometimes the organization of a course can begin as a meandering stream

only to become an untamable river. Given how broad historic preservation can be, thankfully the 2009 edition of *Historic Preservation* by Norman Tyler flows so simply in presentation and is a pleasure to swim through.

Mr. Tyler's introduction to historic preservation is a quick review of the earliest motivations to preserve. Presenting the classically conflicted ideas of John Ruskin and Viollet le Duc prepares the reader to digest some of the more nonchalant approaches to preservation. Once surveyed, Tyler quickly turns to equipping us with all the content and contextual knowledge to recognize the depths of the built environment. A chronological explanation of the major architectural styles along with simple line illustrations helps to focus the reader's interest in a concise way. This historic architectural reference is integrated directly into the ethical basis of why and the legal backbone of how preservation legislation has evolved. Thus, the important emphasis on an asset's significance and integrity is well examined and driven home

Once past the shallows of basic knowledge Mr. Tyler circles back to examine the intricate sees of historic individual and district designations. This expands into the reasoning behind municipal land use law and it's application. It is now time to load up on the tools and techniques of modern preservation. Simplifying the different approaches in rehabilitation, restoration conservation and reconstruction leads seamlessly to all of the fun parts of research and documentation of assets. The author's detail on basic building systems is masterful. Throughout these sections is a careful balance struck between such diverse areas as describing a Historic Structure Reports and addressing life / safety issues.

But without an economically secure future how can a structure survive the rapids of change? Mr. Tyler's answer begins with a fresh look at Donovan Rypkema's landmark report on the benefits of preservation. Realistic considerations of a structure's financial viability lead into the surprisingly clear waters of easements, tax considerations, and financial analysis. Even the pro forma spread sheet example invites a try.

Since a reader has come this far, the next step is advocacy, fundraising and assistance with local government and municipal planning integration. Preservation planning through Downtown Management, Master Plan review and zoning are explained in a general way so to invite a local conception. This 2009 edition also reflects an up to date, smart discussion on sustainability, greenability and active heritage tourism.

Historic Preservation is one of the finest guides to the dynamic study of modern preservation. It should be considered for any course work or library collection on the subject.

Billy Neumann author of [Rutherford: A Brief History](#)
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55. **Elizabeth Macchinnigh** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)

1 of 2 people found the following helpful

 **Saving America's Heritage** December 7, 2007

This book was a requirement for an undergraduate course in Public History. For a student just starting out in the preservation field, it is a wonderful informative book

encapsulating everything from the philosophy of the historic movement to homeowners purchasing a historic structure. Mr. Tyler has taken his expertise and knowledge and shared it with those of us within the realm of historic preservation. I would highly recommend this to anyone interested in saving America's heritage. Show Less
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56. **Michael F. Kennedy** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)

4 of 4 people found the following helpful



Preservation for the real world September 24, 2007

I had a graduate class in historic preservation, and while certain books were recommended, none was required.

If I were teaching historic preservation, this would be the text. This is a book largely about Main Street America, not about the U.N. or ICOMOS or preserving the Parthenon, but about preservation in a country that in many cases is philosophically opposed to it.

Toward the end of the book is the...Read More

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57. **R. F. BURTON** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)

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College Course in one textbook August 26, 2007

This book provides a concise and thorough overview of Historic Preservation. It has become the building block on which I will continue my studies of Preservation.

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58. **Marco Antonio Abarca** reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)

3 of 3 people found the following helpful



A Great Introduction to Historic Preservation September 19, 2005

Having recently purchased an older home in an historic neighborhood, I thought it would be a good idea to acquaint myself with the topic of historic preservation. Norman Tyler's "Historic Preservation" was originally written as a text for a college class on historic preservation. His purpose was to expose his students to the major themes in the field of preservation.

The book starts with a philosophical overview of preservation and moves onto chapters dealing with historic districts and the legal basis for preservation. I found his chapter on the documentation and designation of individual historic properties to be most valuable. Tyler concludes with chapters on design issues, preservation technology, downtown revitalization and preservation economics.

This book is a well written introduction that will get you started in learning more about historic introduction. Highly recommended. Show Less

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59. [A Customer](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)
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 **Excellent for any beginner.** July 11, 2003
Provides an easy-to-read introduction to the field of historic preservation and the key issues. Bibliography is so-so, but would recommend for students and those interested in a clear and concise overview.
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60. [Sharon Ferraro](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)
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 **Most readable and comprehensive preservation book** March 9, 2001
For the past seven years I have worked full time as a historic preservation professional, compiling historic resource surveys, writing nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, and a wide variety of other preservation related projects. I serve on our local historic district commission and have just completed a city-wide survey of Kalamazoo's historic resources. Currently I am also teaching Historic Preservation at Western Michigan University and I was delighted to find Norm Tyler's book. This book is an excellent resource for the beginning preservationist, whether they be a student in a formal academic setting or someone who just likes old buildings. My students find it to be very readable and comprehensive. I am especially pleased to find the variety of real-life examples Tyler presents reflecting the way preservation is practiced and not just idealistic theory. This book was the preferred Christmas gift among preservationists in my area in 2000. I can recommend this book wholeheartedly to anyone interested in preserving our history.
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61. [Ted J Ligibel](#) reviewed [Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice](#)
43 of 43 people found the following helpful
 **Historic Preservation: A Fresh View** March 13, 2000
Norm Tyler's new book is a much needed addition to the literature on Historic Preservation. Loaded with fresh examples of the myriad preservation activities taking place across the nation, it also details the context of the movement through analysis of the icons, both human and idealogical, of historic preservation. Clear, concise, and very readable, it will appeal to both the professional and avocationist alike. The inclusion of basic economic, social, and architectural impacts in historic preservation are welcome contributions, and the various charts and lists are extremely useful. I use it at the graduate level as the companion to Fitch's classic: "Historic Preservation."
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