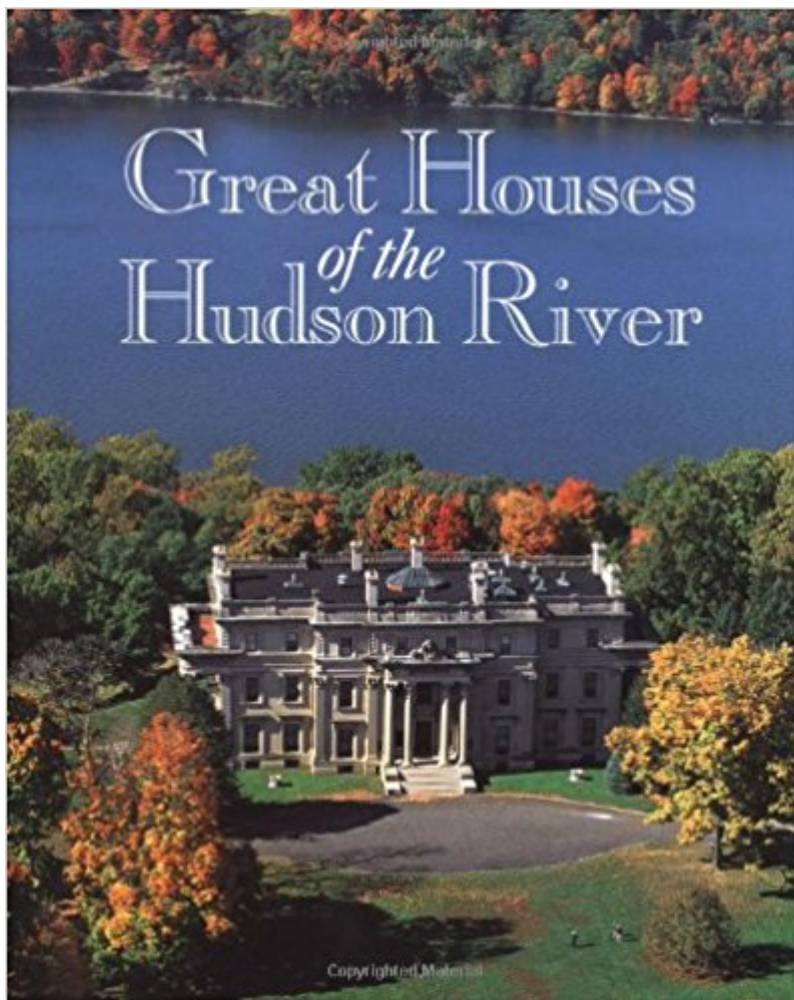


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# Great Houses Of The Hudson River



## Synopsis

The great estates of the Hudson River Valley offer some of the finest examples of grand-scale 19th-century American architecture and landscape design. The houses, built by the leading architects of the day, were country retreats for Roosevelts, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, and Astors, among other illustrious families. With glorious river views and grounds that sprawl over hundreds of acres, most of the estates have become popular tourist attractions, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. In addition to selected archival images, the book offers colour photographs, including many new aerial photographs of the estates. An introduction by architectural historian Michael Dwyer provides insight into the beauty and importance of the houses and their grounds.

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## Customer Reviews

Historic Hudson Valley was founded by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as a non-profit educational organization in 1951 to preserve the culture, landscape and history of the Hudson River Valley. Michael Dwyer practices architecture and interior design in New York City and elsewhere. He has written on the history of American architecture for *Traditional Building* and *The Classicist*. Mark Rockefeller is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Hudson Valley.

I found the book very good reading. It was very detailed with great pictures of each house described with full details of visiting opportunities. It's truly a directory, but could be enjoyed as a smaller coffee table book. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in the Hudson River area houses but it's

great for a study in historical architecture as well.

Great service, nice book, highly recommended!

Lovely book.

This is a nice overview of the best of the estates along the Hudson. The book give a nice short history on the houses presented and the photos are nice, though the pictures could be more crisp. Having said that, I did enjoy the book and was just amazed at the variety in the styles of the houses from period to period; really a very informative book. If you are interested in this sort of thing, then you will certainly be pleased with this book, though the \$50.00 price tag is a bit daunting.

If you love historical architecture, and the histories of old homes, then you shouldn't miss this book. The photographs alone make this a book worth owning, but the author has also included well written, indepth, and informative stories about these incredible homes, their builders, owners and subsiquent owners. Reading this book has encouraged me to plan a trip to visit to the Hudson River Valley to see these beautiful places for myself.

Beautifully photographed, well written. Will be appreciated by those who have visited these houses as well as those who enjoy fine architecture and interesting history.

This book is fantastic! I highly recommend it. It has loads of spectacular color photographs, and the mansions are breath taking. Being someone who has never visisted the area, this book really makes me consider a trip to New York, if only to see these mansions.

If you like architecture its great

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