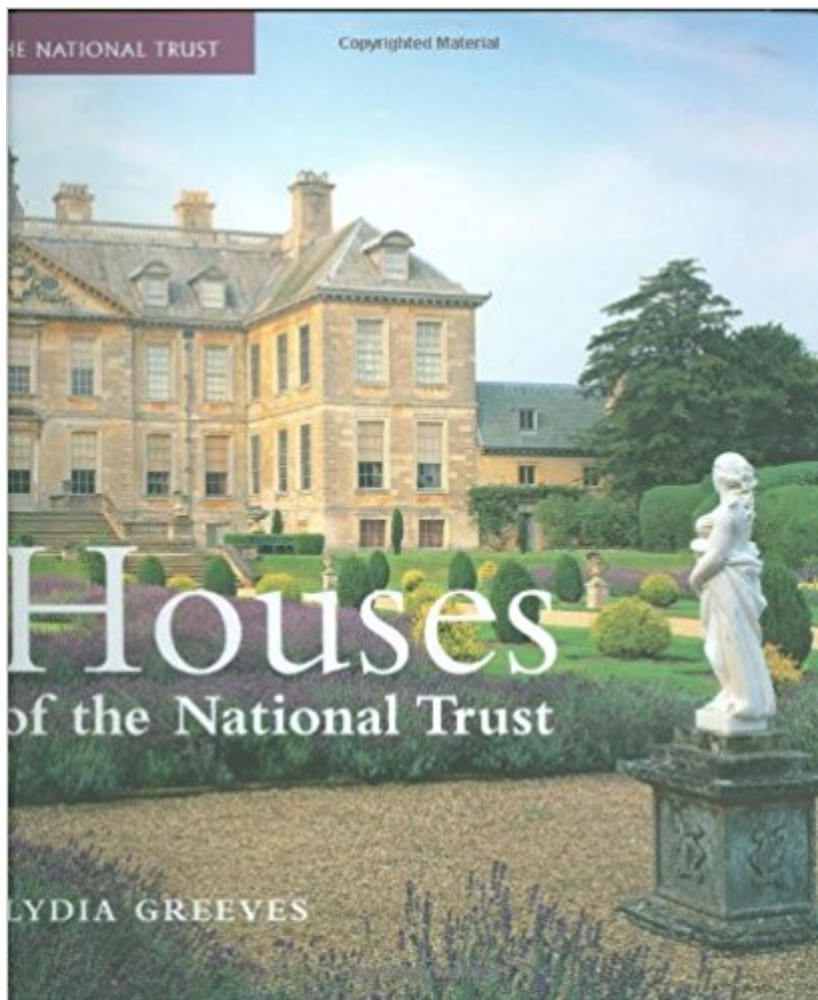


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Synopsis

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* Note: there is a new, revised edition of this book which was published November, 2013, which has additional images and information. It has the same title as this book, but a different cover, so just search the title here and it should come up as an alternative. If you are looking for an informative survey and overview of homes in the National Trust, this book provides it. The National Trust cares

for over 200 homes covering 1000 years of history from William the Conqueror to the present day this book tells us. The homes in this book are organized alphabetically, so it's easy to find a particular home. There is usually a page of text and an image of the home, its exterior or interior. Some photos constitute an entire page. The quality of images is excellent. To give you a sampling of the homes included in this book, the homes beginning with the letter A include: Attingham Park (1782), Ashdown (1660's), Antony (1700's) and Anglesey Abbey (Jacobean). B homes include: Barrington Court, Belton, Blaise Hamlet, Blickling Hall, Bodian Castle, and Buckland Abbey. It appears that most, if not all, of the homes in the National Trust are included here as the book is 350+ pages long. Other smaller buildings are included at the end of the book. Many of the homes have historic or cultural connections. George Washington's ancestor's home is featured here. So is Carlyle's home, the writer. Some of the grand homes are owned by the National Trust such as Petworth and Kedleston Hall and are included. Of course, some families still own their ancestral homes such as Althorp by the Spencers, Chatsworth by the Duke of Devonshire and Highclere Castle, so they are not included. This is like a colorful and expanded encyclopedia of great and historic English properties. You can use it as an introduction to homes which you are interested in learning more about, and then look for more books and articles on the properties of interest. I found it invaluable for my beginning library of English homes and style. I teach a history-design course on the subject and this book will be indispensable. It is full of fascinating information on each home. The kind of information which is included is historical background and significance of the building, architectural and decorative details, quirky historical anecdotes, and famous owners-visitors-events associated with the house. You will see where Newton discovered gravity at Woolsthorpe Manor and Buckland Abbey where Sir Frances Drake planned his attack on the Spanish Armada. The author has written several books on related topics, obviously knows a lot on the subject of historic homes of the National Trust and has included it. This is a worthwhile reference book. It will whet your appetite to want to learn more about these historic United Kingdom properties.

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