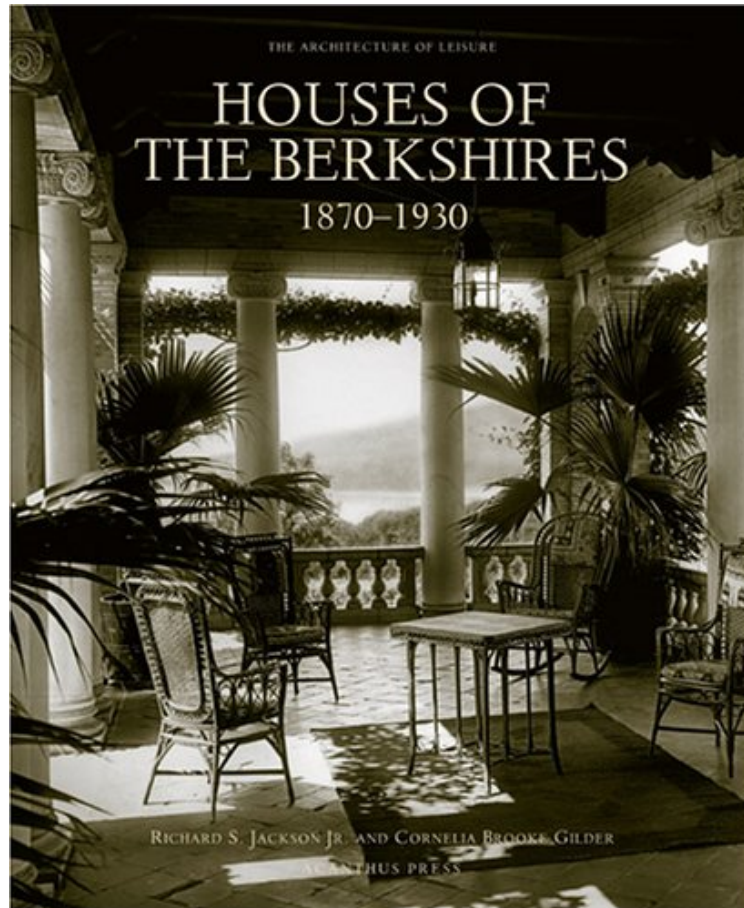


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Long live classical American Architecture! By Doug McCartney This book has a few pages of introduction and then 37 chapters each focused on an individual house with several photos and a brief social and architectural history. There are also 40 additional houses documented with a single photograph and paragraph. The cover photo is representative of the quality of the images included for almost all of the houses - excellent technically, and providing, if you study them closely, far more information than is available with a visit to a museum. I suggest that the Authors make available high-resolution unretouched scans of the photographs for research study. These are real homes just as they were lived in of the winners of the industrial revolution, direct descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Doctor that tended President McKinley in his last days, a well loved American novelist, and others we know. Most of the photos are historic; a few are current images of the homes. The McKim houses are included too. I read one chapter at a time and studied the photos closely allowing time to

absorb all, and I dreaded coming to the end of the book. But, the last chapter is the most beautiful story of two women, family, children's Christmas parties, and the end of the Berkshires life style - no fair reading it first! Let's build the spirit of these homes again - Long live classical American Architecture! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fabulous! By ESP This perfect cocktail table book is so much fun to read! You feel as though you are getting a rare glimpse into the lives of the people who both built these magnificent "cottages" and the families who lived in them. It takes the reader back to a different time and place so different from today yet makes it all come to life! This is a charming book full of wonderful photographs and I highly recommend purchasing it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. lot of detail but a bit pricey By Donald R Seminar a lot of detail on the cottages of the area - some with large amount of detail. Just a bit pricy I assume because of limited interest.

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Not a dry tome extolling Gilded Age architecture and all its excesses. It is chatty, friendly, even gossipy - and it is fun to read. --The Berkshire Eagle