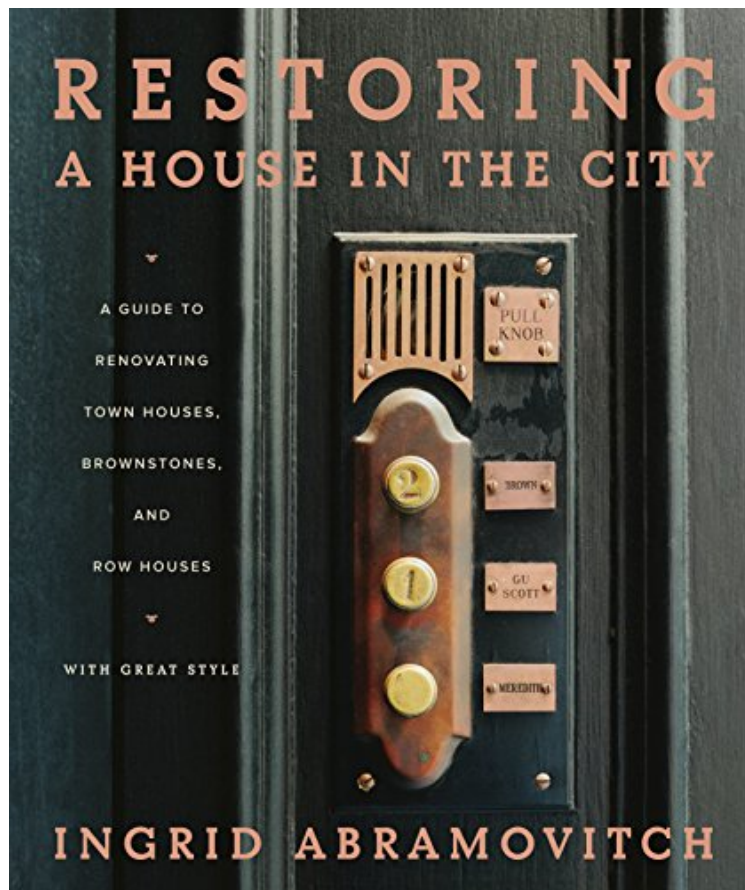


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By schleppenheimer
We are considering a move to the Capitol Hill area of Washington D.C., where most houses are built in 1900 or earlier and would require some renovation. This was pretty much the ONLY book that I could find that gave examples of this type of renovation. I was very impressed with the wide array of houses, and the information in the back that talks about the potential problems for renovating these homes. I could see this book being very useful (along with other restoration books) when and if we actually make the move.

How to turn an old home into a jewel on the block. What do a fashion mogul, a Williams-Sonoma executive, a museum curator, and a design-savvy actress have in common? Good taste, of course, but more than that: a shared passion to "bring back," to carefully restore and artfully embellish, their houses. They are among the twenty-one real-life renovations featured in this essential resource from stately town houses to brownstone fixer-uppers to give the true experience of creating an urban oasis on any street. Whether hunting for rare chandeliers, salvaging floorboards for new tabletops, or removing walls to let more light in, all the nuts and bolts of restoration are here. In Boston, a young family's renovation takes three years and includes every modern amenity (a media room, home gym, elevator), but saves most of the original interiors (window shutters and seats, marble fireplaces). A Baltimore couple both stars of the graphic design world must reconcile their cutting-edge tastes with their traditional surrounds. From furniture and color to rooftops and terraces, *Restoring a House in the City* offers a treasury of inspiration and ideas, as well as a lavish illustrated tour of some of the best done renovations in the business.

"A fabulously beautiful book on the eco-friendly practice of restoring townhomes, brownstones and row houses...a wonderful resource on the process of restoration...full of stunning photography of gorgeous homes around the country." --Bridgette Meinhold, *Inhabitat.com*
"A must for any designer or real-estate junkie!" --Jonathan Adler
"An enticing portfolio of urban houses." --Penelope Green, *New York Times*
"From squeaky floors to coal-burning fireplaces, Ingrid Abramovitch's primer shows how to reconcile old urban dwellings' quirks with contemporary tastes through architects and designers' tips and nearly 400 color photos." --Sabine Rothman, *Traditional Home*
"Restoring a House in the City is a marvelous book packed with ideas. It's really charming, with 21 real-life renovations, everything from grand houses to brownstone fixer-uppers. Tips, design guide, glossary: this book will guide you through (a renovation)." --Margaret Russell, *NBC TODAY Show*
"Restoring a House in the City offers not only inspiration but hands-on practical pointers. Photographs of 21 historic residences, from a 19th-century charmer in Savannah to a minimalist makeover in Philadelphia, are supplemented by resource lists and invaluable advice, such as how to deal with a contractor." --*Elle Decor*
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"Until I get a town house of my own, I can ogle the pages of this book. It's a must for any designer or real-estate junkie!" Jonathan Adler, designer
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