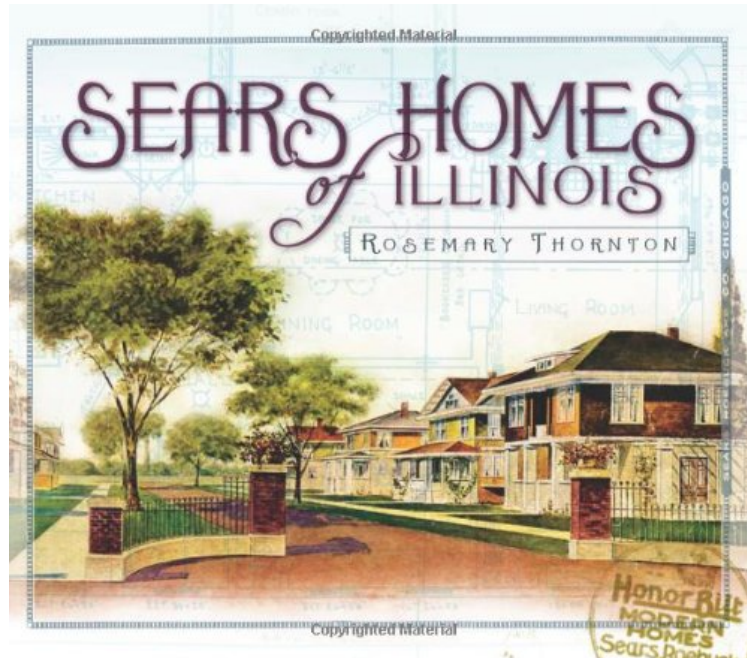


## Sears Homes of Illinois

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About the Author Rose Thornton is the author of several books, including *The Houses That Sears Built* (2002), *Finding the Houses That Sears Built* (2004) and *The Ugly Woman's Guide to Internet Dating* (2009). She's the coauthor of

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