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I purchased this book because we live in a Gothic Revival home built in 1879. This book was enlightening as it explained the philosophy behind the Gothic Revival architecture. The floor plans explained why we have so few closets! The only downside is that the book tended to highlight the high Gothic Revival style with extreme ornamentation whereas our home is a bit of a blend of styles and simpler in ornamentation. It was interesting nonetheless.

Much of the architecture described herein is European in origin. The first reason is that an American style was still developing in 1880; most architectural inspiration still drew heavily on European experience. The second reason may be that copyright law was not nearly as effective as it is today and it was easy to lift drawings from other sources (Europe was the best source) to illustrate a book like this.