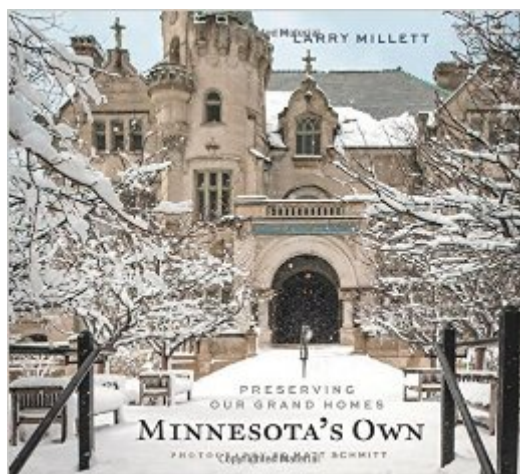


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# Minnesota's Own: Preserving Our Grand Homes



## Synopsis

Stripped of its original Tiffany light fixtures, lamps, and stained-glass panels, a Lowry Hill mansion was returned to its original grandeur after an owner bought back many of these furnishings. A family in Winona has spent three decades slowly uncovering a landmark Victorian's hidden beauty. Minneapolis graphic designers have meticulously restored a Frank Lloyd Wright gem, even fabricating never-before-built cabinets, furniture, and rugs Wright originally designed for the home.

Â In *Lost Twin Cities and Once There Were Castles*, Larry Millett retrieved Twin Cities architecture vanished in time, giving us a view into buildings and homes lost to demolition, accident, and neglect. In *Minnesota's Own*, he and photographer Matt Schmitt invite us into homes from across the state that have been lovingly preserved, saved so that they can remain jewels among the state's living architecture. Â From Duluth to Bemidji, Red Wing to the Twin Cities, Millett and Schmitt travel throughout Minnesota, highlighting homes designed by architects such as Edwin Lundie, Frank Lloyd Wright, and William Purcell and Geroge Elmslie and with sumptuous ornamentation by local craftspeople including interior decorator John Bradstreet and woodcarver Johannes Kirchmayer. Homes originally owned by Daytons, Hills, and Ramseys find themselves in new hands that have taken great care in their upkeep and preservation. Â *Minnesota's Own* welcomes readers into twenty-two of these homes through over two hundred color photographs and Millett's captivating stories of their construction, original owners, and restorations. Larry Millett is an architectural historian and award-winning writer whose books include *Lost Twin Cities*, *AIA Guide to the Twin Cities*, and *Twin Cities Then and Now*. St. Paul native Matt Schmitt has enjoyed a three-decade career in advertising, commercial, and architectural photography.Â Publication of this book was made possible by a generous grant from theÂ JeffrisÂ Family Foundation in Janesville, Wisconsin, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Midwest's architectural heritage for future generations.

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For those interested in such things: this book contains a floor plan for every house considered. Along with the insightful commentary and great pictures this book is a wonderful example of what a book on domestic architecture should be but often isn't. A must for anyone interested in architectural history.

Husband is a fan of Larry Millett. He usually picks up his books as soon as they come out. When he opened this gift he said he didn't know that Larry had a new book out. He is almost done reading it. I will be picking it up next. A great book....a great read.

A beautiful book, both text and pictures. Each chapter stands on its own so you skip around. The chapters have side stories that are just as interesting as the main text. I highly recommend this book.

A beautiful book. The most surprising aspect of this book is not the homes but the history and stories behind them. A very inspiring book with the occasional cautionary tale. A perfect combination of history and old house knowledge.

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Very, very pleased with book. It was a gift for my mother was was Normans raised in the twin cities and loves the old homes

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