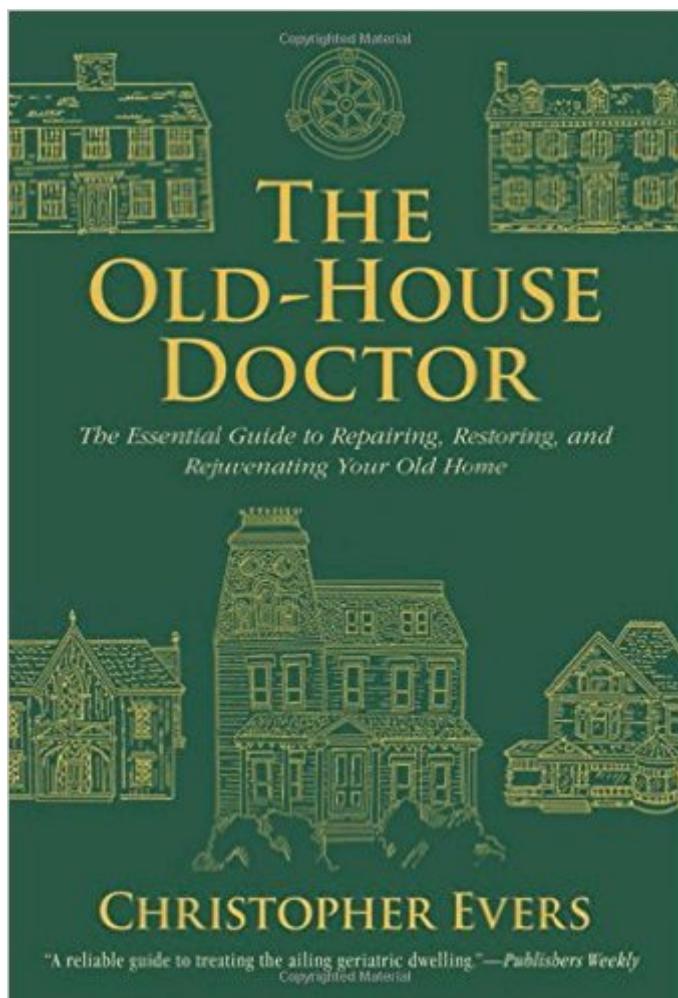


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The Old-House Doctor: The Essential Guide To Repairing, Restoring, And Rejuvenating Your Old Home



Synopsis

Old houses are charming, but owning one can be a labor of love. Expert carpenter and house "doctor" Christopher Evers equates old homes with ailing patients, describing how you can successfully "treat" your old house and make it good as new. With over 300 clear, line illustrations, Evers provides a practical guide to repairing, renovating, and preserving your old house--basement to attic--so you can enjoy it for years to come. Evers gives detailed instructions on the "anatomy" of old homes as well as how to fix a variety of problems, including:

Repairing old plumbing fixtures
Replacing shingles on the roof
Straightening the house's frame
Rewiring old electrical systems
Removing old wallpaper
Protecting against termites and other harmful pests
Adding insulation for better energy efficiency
Fixing old eaves
Reinstalling windows and doors
And more!

A classic in old-home repair, *The Old-House Doctor* is an invaluable, and timeless, guide for keeping your old home in tip-top shape, while meeting your modern needs.

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Customer Reviews

I recently took this book out from my local library and quickly realized that I needed to own a copy. We purchased an old house circa 1890 and this book has been the most valuable and informative resource that I have found. I have had countless electricians, contractors, plumbers, roofers, etc. come through the house, leaving me more confused than ever! This book explained, in easy to understand terms all of the questions I had bouncing around my head! Our knob and tube electric

system (partially updated) frightened me. The chapter on electricity explained not only how it works, but what needed to be done to update it. Basically this book covered every topic that I needed help with and more!

This is the best book that I have come across about restoring one's historic home. I'm not a contractor, so I'm not going to perform the work myself but, I do want to know about the history of the house and how to locate that information. He gives you sites to explore in your local community that will help with that endeavor. A must have in any library to know more about the history of your house and what is important in preserving your house or any structure that you are trying to preserve.

I bought this book thinking it was going to be the ideal book on the restoration of my old homestead, but found it didn't cover as much as I thought it would. It goes into so many different directions when explaining something that you kind of lose your place. There are a few really good parts and others are so so. The photos are hand drawn and so small at times you really can't seem to figure them out. The author really does know what he is doing, but needs to be more direct in his approach and show more detailed and easy to follow directions. Overall I rate this book as OK.

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