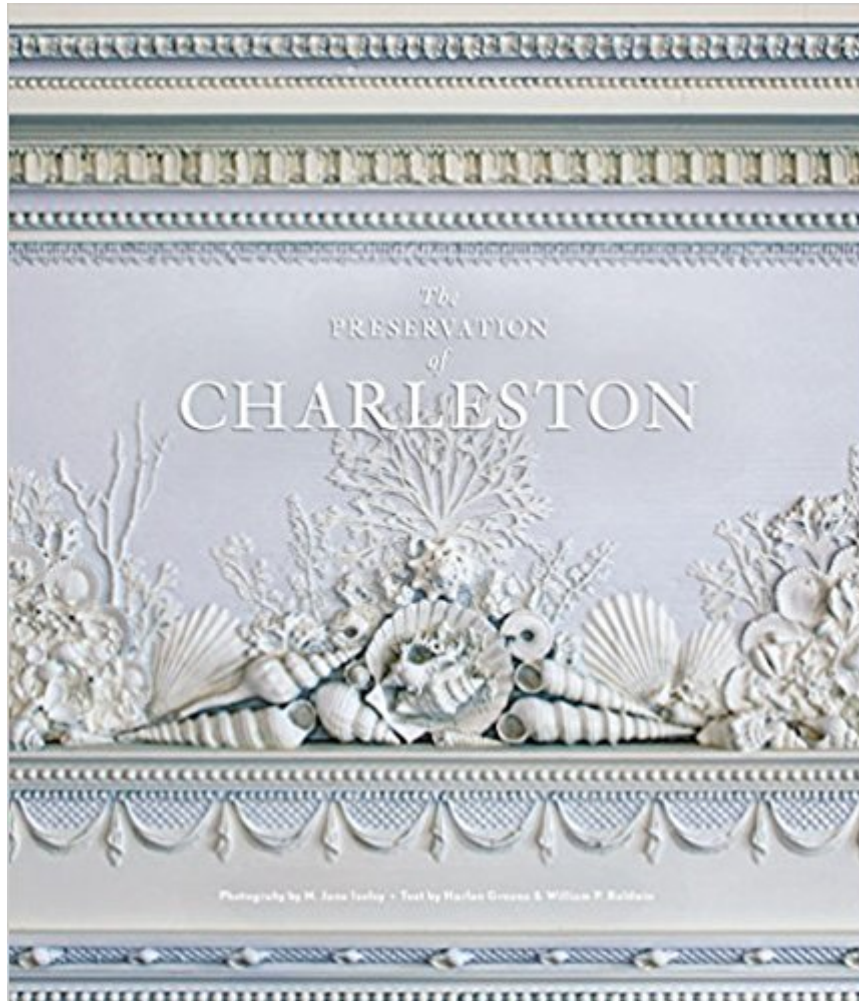




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# The Preservation Of Charleston



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A beautifully wrought book, introduced by these storyteller's history of Charleston, full of revealed mythology, glimmers of knowingness, secrets.... challenging us today to consider the possibility of rendering our own day-to-day existence with a kind of artistry and confidence that can survive for 300 years. An unsurpassed collection of photographs that restoration expert Richard Marks attests is a great illustration of the depth and amount of authentic building stock that makes up Charleston and shows these houses in a new light.

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N. Jane Iseley Photographer for 36 photography books, including *Lowcountry Plantations Today*, Iseley is also an accomplished farmer. Her Burlington, NC, farm has been in the family since 1790, and in 2013 she was the first woman to receive the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Farm Family of the Year award. Harlan Greene An archivist and prize-winning author, Greene is Head of Special Collections of Addlestone Library at the College of Charleston. His many nonfiction books on art, architecture and history focus on Charleston and the South Carolina Lowcountry, including *Slave Badges and the Slave-Hire System in Charleston, South Carolina, 1783 1865*. Among the Charleston native s novels are *Why We Never Danced the Charleston* and *What the Dead Remember*, winner of a Lambda Literary Award. William P. Baldwin A bestselling biography, *Mrs. Whaley and her Charleston Garden*; a Lillian Smith Award winning novel, *The Hard to Catch Mercy*; and Gold Benjamin Franklin Award winning poetry collections, *The Unpainted South* and *These Our Offerings*, are among Baldwin s many contributions to Southern literature. His writing has appeared in magazines such as *Southern Living*, *Veranda*, *Southern Accents*, *Charleston* and

Garden & Gun.

Charleston is a unique place for many reasons, not the least of which is its remarkable state of architectural preservation. Anyone who loves historic architecture, or is a practicing professional in this field, holds a special place in their heart for Charleston. That said, there are remarkably few good books dedicated to Charleston's built environment. This book is one of those few. First, let me say that the book is as much about interiors as it is about exteriors, which is fine considering that architecture is also this way. Also, let me be first to say that this book is not an architectural survey of Charleston, but is a representative sample of Charleston's residential architecture. The book is broken down into sections such as "Interiors," "Exteriors," and "Plantations." Within each of these sections are the chapters dedicated to each house, with full-page color photography and historical contexts. The text included with each entry is quite good, and is rigorous enough to be of interest to practicing professionals. I should mention that the photography is, for the most part, also quite good, but there are a few images that are below standard for a book of this type and price. Only a few, but they are noticeable. The building selection is limited to houses only. Many landmark examples are included, but there are also interesting studies of less well-known houses.

Lovely book, I bought it to give as a gift

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