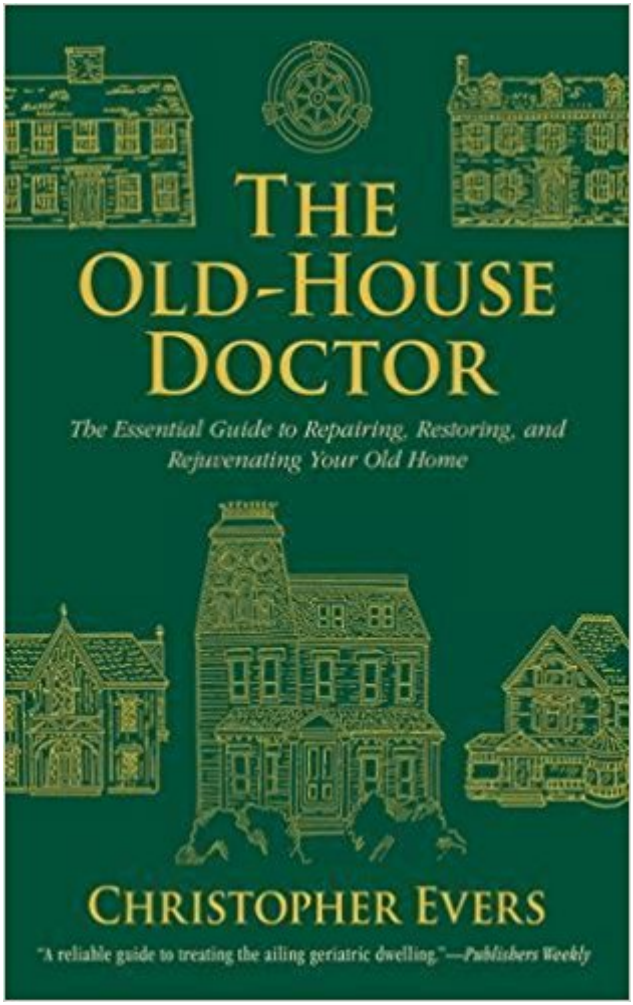
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The Old-House Doctor: The Essential Guide To Repairing, Restoring, And Rejuvenating Your Old Home



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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 fixturesReplacing shingles on the roofStraightening the houseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s frameRewiring old electrical systemsRemoving old wallpaperProtecting against termites and other harmful pestsAdding insulation for better energy efficiencyFixing old eavesReinstalling windows and doorsAnd 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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The author, a professional carpenter with more than 20 years’ experience in "doctoring" old houses, provides the layperson with a reliable guide to treating the ailing geriatric dwelling. Evers teaches the reader how to research the history of an old house through deeds, records, maps and genealogies, and the house’s integral structure and on-site archeological remains. He prescribes remedies for crooked frames, wood damage caused by fungus and insects, and faulty walls,

ceilings and floors. Chapters on plumbing, wiring, ventilation, energy conservation and decoration, as well as sources of old house materials and a comprehensive bibliography, are included. Evers's enthusiasm for his subject makes for reading that is as entertaining as it is enlightening. Lucid directions, ably complemented by Hason's black-and-white drawings, make this a valuable reference for the do-it-yourself carpenter. BOMC and QPB selections. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

To Evers, an old house is a sort of living organism, much like the human body. Thus, the wiring becomes the house's nervous system, the frame its skeleton, the doors and windows its sense or gans, andnaturallywood rot and termites its major maladies. Such anal ogies can easily stretch too thin, but Evers's reverential treatment and pur ist's sensibility create and sustain a cer tain enchantment. He also offers up loads of good, solid information on the make-up of old houses and the work needed to reverse the debilitations of old age. And even though his book lacks the degree of detail to be consid ered a how-to manual, the excellent bibliography directs the reader to many such sources for additional help. Rec ommended for public libraries. BOMC alternate. Bill Demo, Tompkins Cort land Comm. Coll. Lib., Dryden, N.Y.Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the best book that I have come accross about retoring 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 endevor. A must have in any library to know more about the history of your house and what is important in perserving your house or any structure that you are trying to preserrve.

I bought this book thinking it was going to be the ideal book on the restoration of my old homested, 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.

This book is full of really useful information and ideas. Great if you have an older home you are

updating or renovating yourself.

Great for historians

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!

kind of old and dated, didn’t help me muchI was looking for refinishing wood tips and faux painting,but this book didn’t have anything like that.

Extremely well written and instructive, Evers not only illustrates the nuts and bolts of the old house but also captures the spirit and soul of the old house. A classic that will never go out of style.

Evers’ clear and interesting look at the systems of the old house is a must for all old house owners. I greatly enjoyed the book and found it very useful.

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