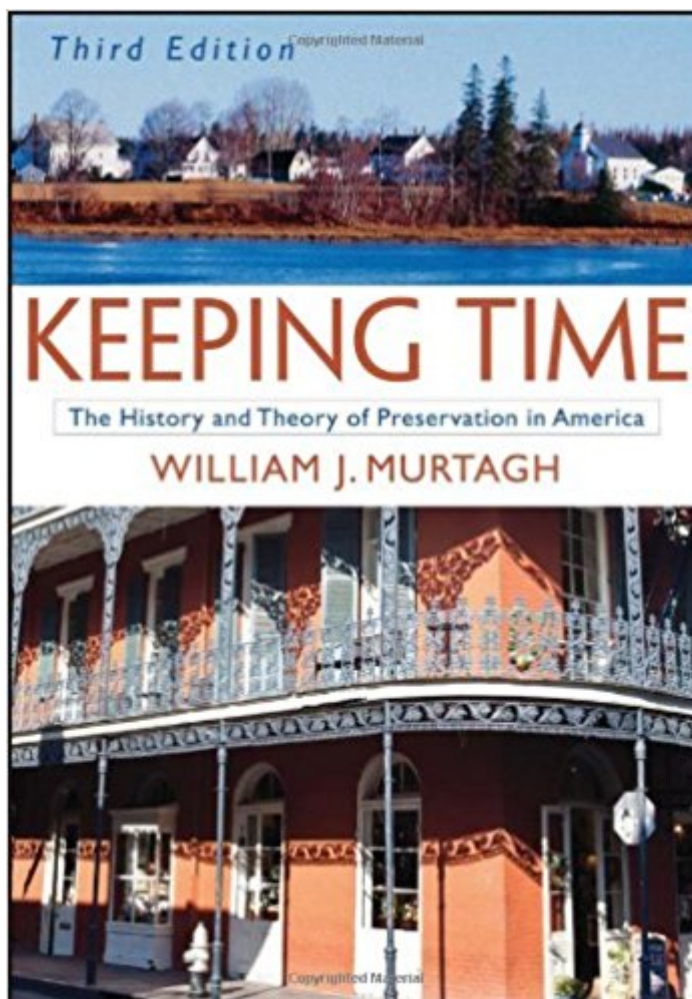


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Keeping Time: The History And Theory Of Preservation In America



Synopsis

The historic preservation movement has had a huge influence on America's built landscape for the past thirty years. Discover the cornerstone primer on the topic -- Keeping Time. This edition features a wealth of new material, including new chapters on preservation values in oral-based cultures, international preservation, and future developments in the field. In addition, you'll find a clear, concise survey of preservation movement's history, complete with: Helpful coverage of the theory and practice driving the movement. Expanded material on landscape preservation. New information on scientific conservation, cultural corridors, and historic tourism. Numerous informative photographs illustrating the book's content. Order your copy of this fundamental volume for tomorrow's historic preservationists today.

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Since 1812, when architect Robert Mills drew up plans for rebuilding the steeple of Independence Hall, the impulse to preserve historic American sites and buildings has snowballed. Today tens of thousands of buildings and some 5000 historic districts are recognized by the federally coordinated National Register of Historic Places. In part an illustrated historical survey, in part a handbook for civic activists, this primer by the first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places traces the shift in the preservation movement from the restoration of isolated landmarks and houses where "Washington slept," to an emphasis on outdoor museums (Old Salem, N.C.; Sturbridge Village, Mass.) and, in recent years, a concern for the neighborhood in which a building stands. Through a case study of the Historic Savannah Foundation, which has saved some 1000 buildings in that city,

Murtagh illustrates how the public can treat the built environment as a conservable national resource. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This one-volume introduction to the history and philosophy of preservation in America moves from the private sector's early concern for saving patriotic sites to extensive governmental activity and the legal and economic dimensions of a growth industry. Broad-ranging chapters treat terminology, outdoor museums, historic districts, adaptive use, landscape preservation, and case studies for successful programs; appendixes include selections of important federal legislation and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. A recommended short history particularly useful for introductory courses and for laypersons concerned with preservation issues in their communities. Douglas G. Birdsall, North Dakota State Univ. Lib., Fargo Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Keeping Time provides a general overview of the American historic preservation movement. The book has 15 relatively brief chapters on different aspects and eras of preservation. A few topics include: preservation before and after World War II, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, historic house museums, rehabilitation and adaptive use, and archaeology. The book is full of images which illustrate the principles and examples being described. The book has several appendices which highlight preservation legislation, the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, which provide a ready reference source for when these documents are referenced in the book. Also included is a nice glossary of preservation terms and several pages of preservation resources. This would be a good resource for students in several disciplines or anyone interested in historic preservation. It's very readable and easy to understand.

Got it for school and its a good book. If you are interested in preservation efforts and the benefits of such projects I recommend this book!

This is a very interesting & factual history of the Historic Preservation Movement in United States. I certainly recommend it to anyone involved in preservation of historic sites & buildings anywhere in this country.

Exceeded expectations

Good detailed book.

The chapters are a reasonable length. The text is well written and has a definite voice. If you are a student this is a nicer size to carry than an enormous biology book. The only annoying aspect is the first page of every chapter has the text aligned to the right. I lose my place for a few sentences. This is very minor though.

This is an interesting to read if you are a history buff or a student of historic preservation. Although I had to read this as part of a graduate course, I am enjoying this so far.

An outstanding summary of historic preservation. This was a required text for the online course I took, but it is very readable for the average person. A must-read for those interested in old buildings and their relevance today.

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