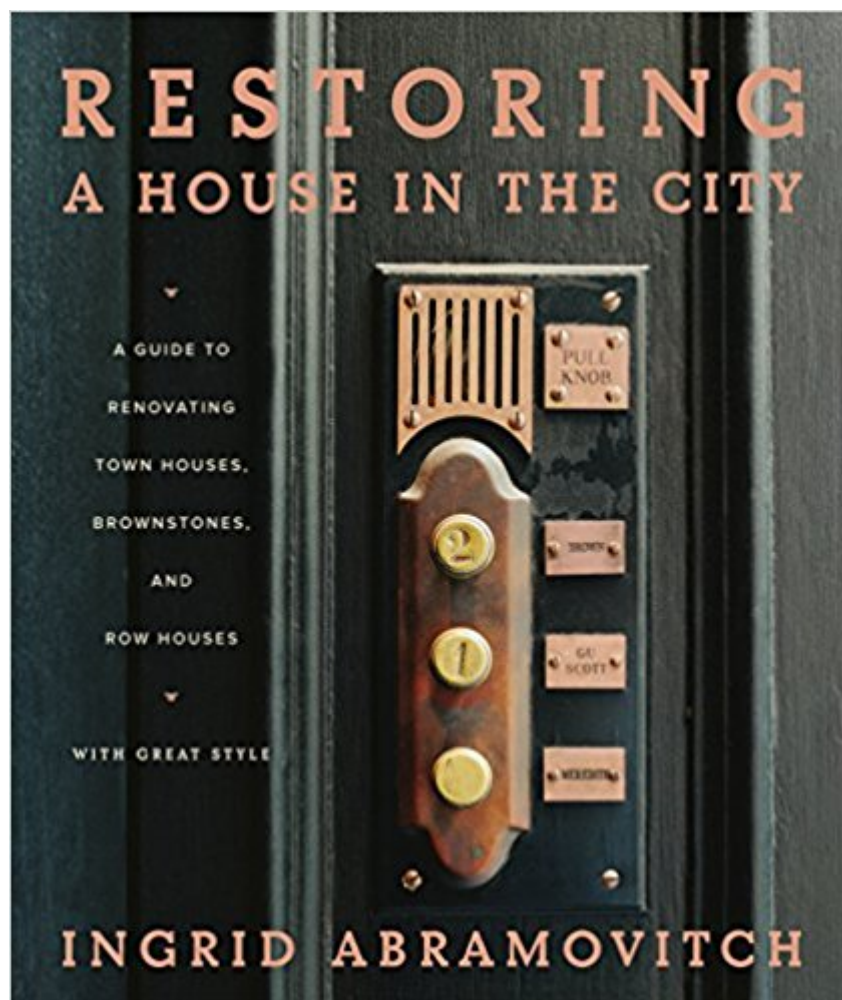




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# Restoring A House In The City: A Guide To Renovating Townhouses, Brownstones, And Row Houses Wth Great Style



## Synopsis

How to turn an old home into a jewel on the block. What do a fashion mogul, a Williams-Sonoma executive, a museum curator, and a design-savvy actress have in common? Good taste, of course, but more than that: a shared passion to "bring back," to carefully restore and artfully embellish, their houses. They are among the twenty-one real-life renovations featured in this essential resourceâ€”from stately town houses to brownstone fixer-uppersâ€”to give the true experience of creating an urban oasis on any street. Whether hunting for rare chandeliers, salvaging floorboards for new tabletops, or removing walls to let more light in, all the nuts and bolts of restoration are here. In Boston, a young family's renovation takes three years and includes every modern amenity (a media room, home gym, elevator), but saves most of the original interiors (window shutters and seats, marble fireplaces). A Baltimore coupleâ€”both stars of the graphic design worldâ€”must reconcile their cutting-edge tastes with their traditional surrounds. From furniture and color to rooftops and terraces, *Restoring a House in the City* offers a treasury of inspiration and ideas, as well as a lavish illustrated tour of some of the best done renovations in the business.

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"Until I get a town house of my own, I can ogle the pages of this book.Â Itâ™s a must for any designer or real-estate junkie!"â Jonathan Adler, designer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Really nice book, even though it seems like all these books are the author's friends, it's worth the read, the ownership and the pleasure. You will get an idea or two, buy it together with the following two books: Timeless Interiors by Axel Vervoodt and Classical Style by Judith Miller, I think the three complement each other for that specific niche

This is an outstanding book, beautifully written and well-researched, with exquisite, visually exciting photographs. The author tells a fascinating story about each of the houses and its present owners and seamlessly embeds essential facts about the house's history and its transformation. She also offers extremely useful restoration information for brownstone owners or anyone aspiring to purchase a house in the city. I shared this book with friends and they all fell in love with it, as I did.

We are considering a move to the Capitol Hill area of Washington D.C., where most houses are built in 1900 or earlier and would require some renovation. This was pretty much the ONLY book that I could find that gave examples of this type of renovation. I was very impressed with the wide array of houses, and the information in the back that talks about the potential problems for renovating these homes. I could see this book being very useful (along with other restoration books) when and

if we actually make the move.

Being about to engage on a renovation project, I thought Ingrid Abramovich's book would be useful. It was. The tips sections, by category, the index of resources are good tools. The photography is splendid and the taste in houses as well. This is an excellent book. I wish the costs of the projects had been part of the information provided, and that the properties had included a few more buildings renovated by owners for whom money was not really a concern. Still, I recommend the book to anyone interested in the topic.

I have been giving *Restoring a House in the City* as a gift for many occasions....moving into a new home, invitations to dinner, cheering someone who is bedridden, etc and every recipient has responded enthusiastically. The book works on every level: each house has an intriguing story, the photos are like eye candy, and there is so much to be learned practically. This year will be a cinch at Hannukah and Christmas....I know Ingrid Abramovitch's book will be appreciated!

A beautiful, wondrous, fabulously illustrated book about various original brownstones. It gave me the feeling of a hot summers day licking chocolate sprinkled vanilla ice cream cones.

This product is excellent, I would buy again from this seller.

This book is a delight throughout - generous with information and beautifully informative photographs. It is definitely the best of its kind on this subject. The author and her team should be congratulated on a superb effort.

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