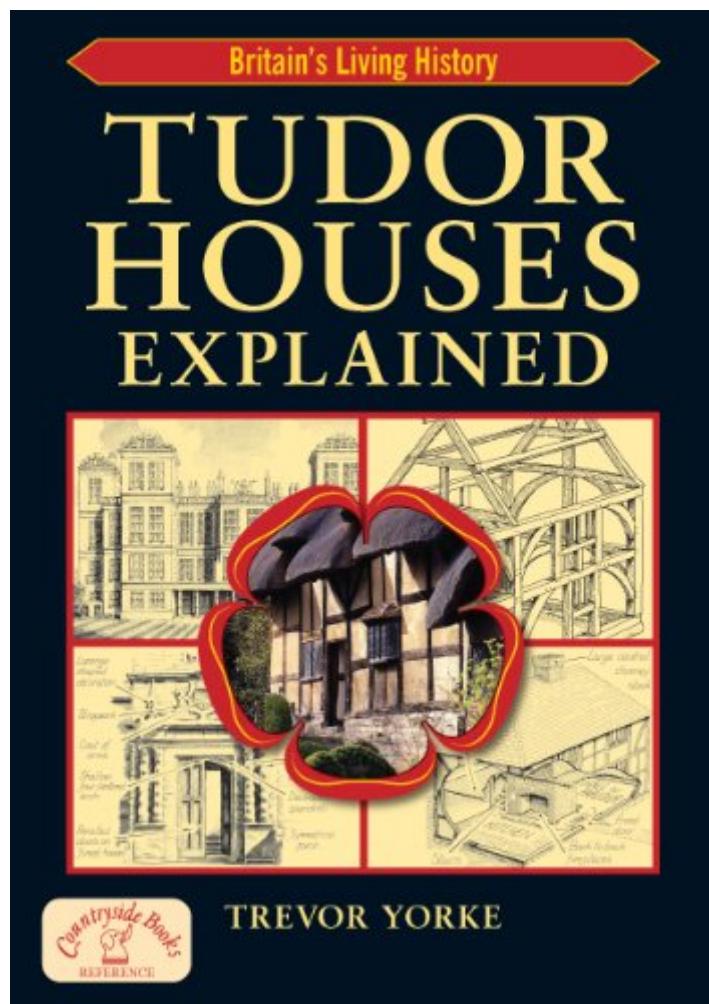


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The Tudor period was dominated by King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I. The houses still standing from that time are typified by black and white timber framed buildings and rambling rows of quaint cottages around a village green. This book explains the rich range of domestic houses built during the era. There are five separate sections, which deal with social change; structure and materials; styles and dating details; interiors; and gardens and landscapes. There is also a quick reference guide to identify the use of Tudor styles in more recent times. This is an invaluable, well illustrated guide for anyone interested in the history of Britain's domestic architecture.

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Customer Reviews

Easy text; good examples. A few more pictures would have been lovely. Drawings and cutaways are very helpful. Short discussion of Tudor style influence on more modern buildings at the end. The meat is the thematic exposition of exterior, interior and surrounds of the Tudor house, from decor to use. Comprehensive overview for the casually interested.

Good book.

This little guide packs more useful information into 59 pages than most books seem to do in over 100 pages. The writer makes no waste of words and most everything is accompanied by a wonderful, albeit small illustration to drive home the main points. The basic Tudor house is viewed through several lenses; what changed in society to give rise to the Tudor style; what was it constructed out of; the details of the various interior spaces; its decline and revival and features of revival structures. Were it slightly longer and had great photographs to accompany the illustrations it would receive 5 stars.

As an architect I needed to explain the Tudor style to a client who had just bought a Tudor house. It was all there: just what constituted the style, its historical place, what it looked like, how it was constructed, Tudor high-style, Tudor low-style. And, best of all, the client was radiantly happy with it.

My favorite home ... a tudor and one day I will have one!

This small paperback (about 6" x 8" with 63 pages) is a very nice guide to Tudor architecture, style and construction. It is profusely illustrated with black and white photographs, line drawings, sketches, and floor plans. It describes the social context that gave rise to these houses, explains construction methods, and defines architectural terms. It is well-organized with concise text - all in all, a very good reference for this style.

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