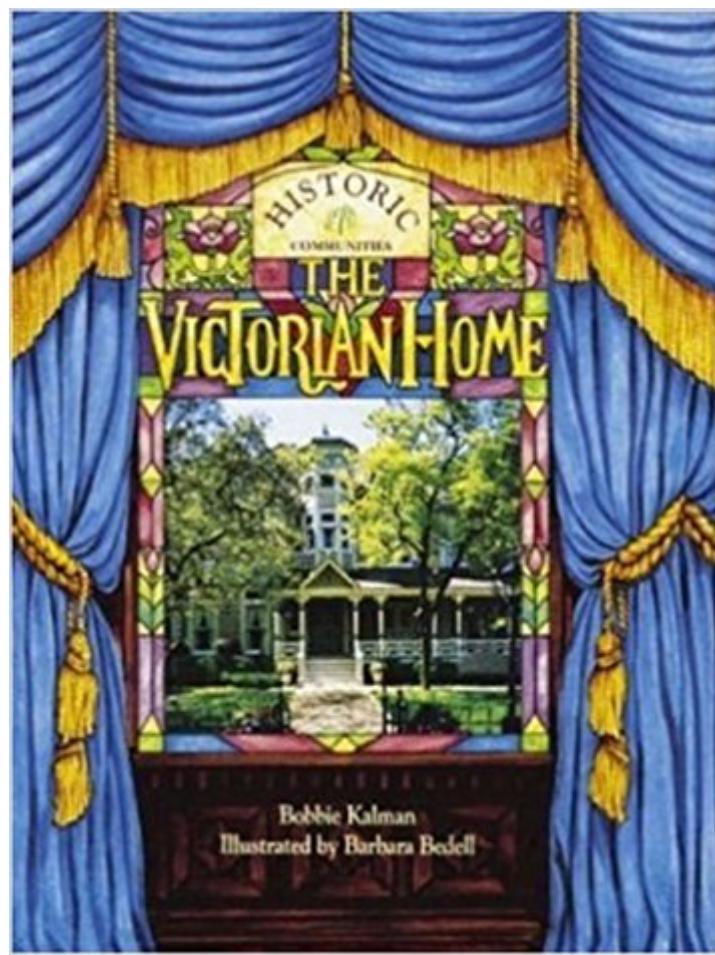


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The Victorian Home (Historic Communities)



Synopsis

The Victorian Home guides children through the grand homes of the Victorian era explaining the Victorian values and tastes behind their design from the magnificent parlor to the scandalously secretive water closet!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-5. Useful for homework assignments on 18th- and 19th-century American life, these titles will also appeal to browsers. The typeface is easy to read and the attractive pictures supplement the text. General Store describes the appearance, contents, workings, and role of these businesses in the community. The full-color photos depict contemporary people performing tasks in re-created general stores on historical sites, e.g., Old Sturbridge Village. The text is full of fascinating details, such as the fact that people often took things home in barrels or cloth sacks because paper bags and cardboard boxes had not yet been invented. With a combination of full-color photos and illustrations, The Victorian Home provides information about these dwellings, examining exteriors, rooms, and furnishings. Readers learn that it was rude for a seated man to offer an entering female his chair, because the seat might be warm. Hence, parlors were crammed with chairs so that there would always be a "fresh" seat. These titles don't go into great depth, but they do give a broad

overview of early American life interspersed with interesting facts.?Shauna Siebers, Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg, VACopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

In the Victorian Home, Kalman takes the reader on a guided tour from the basement to the upper floor bedrooms, using rich illustrations and simple text to reflect the Victorian values and tastes. Kalman has a unique style of writing in the non-fiction genre that allows readers to use this material for factual, research information or to simply read for sheer enjoyment. This makes her very popular with elementary students and teachers -- Resource Links, June 1997

In November, 1996, we moved into a very lovely Victorian Queen Anne home that has "tremendous possiblities." That means that this house needs a lot of work.I have searched and searched to find a book that would tell me how people lived in this house. Why is there a dumbwaiter from the basement to the kitchen? Why do the front parlor and living room have oak woodwork and the other rooms have pine? What did the bathrooms look like? What did the kitchen look like?My friend borrowed this book from the local library to read to her children since they like the architecture of this house. She showed me this book and it is exactly what I had been looking for.This book is easy to read and would be enjoyed by children of all ages. Restorers of these beautiful old homes would be interested in this book, too, since it gives us an idea of how people lived in these wonderful old homes and what their maners and customs were.I would rate this book as a "must read" for all historians, costumers, restorers of old homes and Victorian fans everywhere.

This is a great book for anyone interested in the Victorian Era. It has many photographs and drawings, which are all beautiful. Many basic facts and detailed facts are layed out in this book. Like the previous reviewer, this book answered many questions, and provided me with some very interesting facts.This book covers each of the following in 1-2 pages and with pictures and captions: the era, the exterior designs of houses, the parlor, the kitchen, the servants, the dining room, the bedroom, bathrooms, playrooms and nurserys, heat and electricity, various items, mansions, and the lifestyle of the Victorians. It also includes a helpful glossary.

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