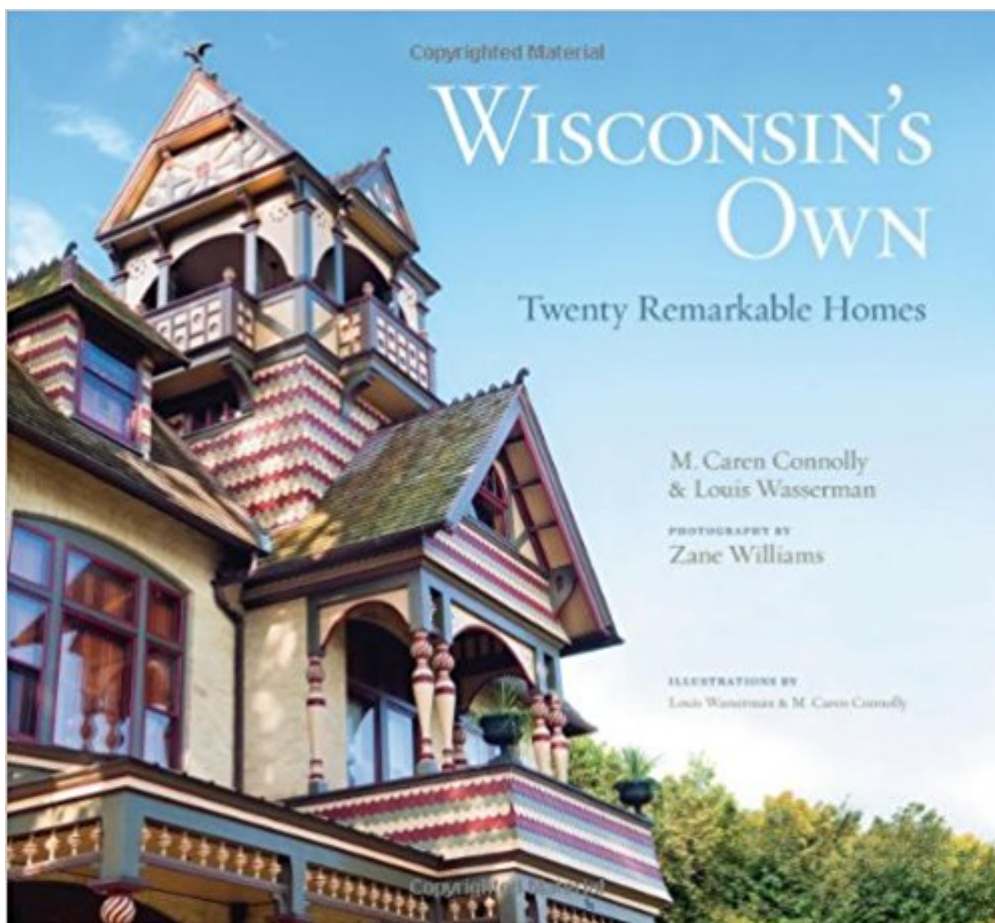


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# Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes



## Synopsis

Take an intimate journey through the family, history, and architecture of 20 residential treasures in Wisconsin's Own by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman. Richly illustrated with the photography of Zane Williams and complemented by historical images and watercolors and line drawings, Wisconsin's Own profiles the architectural history of state's most remarkable residences built between 1854 and 1939. The houses are a mix of public and private homes that are representative of varied architectural styles, from an Italianate along the Mississippi River and an interpretation of a sixteenth-century northern Italian villa overlooking Lake Michigan to an Adirondack-style camp in the North Woods and a fourteen-bedroom Georgian Revival mansion on Lake Geneva. Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School is, of course, represented as well with examples by Wright and his mentor Louis Sullivan. Wisconsin's Own tells the story of the considerable contribution that each of these historic homes have made to American residential architecture. It also answers the questions who built the house, what brought them to Wisconsin, why they selected that particular style, and how it is that this historic home still stands and shines today.

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"In a very real sense, history is just stories about people. This marvelous book uses stories about people where they came from, what they believed in, what they dreamed of, and especially what kind of homes they built to present a compelling history of a special part of America. From a quirky

octagon of the 1850s to an Art Moderne marvel of the 1930s, the houses on these pages remind us of the richness of Wisconsin's heritage "and the importance of keeping it intact and alive." (Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation) "Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes is so visually and intellectually stunning that you can forget the iPad or Kindle. You'll want to hold this exhaustively researched book in your hands. It's easy to lose hours savoring the photos, detailed historic images and informative text. Many people think the state's architectural legacy begins and ends with Frank Lloyd Wright. Milwaukee architects-cum-authors M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman prove them wrong. They studied 1,500 residences to produce this private tour of the state's 20 most architecturally and historically significant homes. The pedigrees of these homes "built between 1854 and 1939" derive from the industrial magnates and celebrities who once owned them. A must-see for lovers of historic homes." (Mary Van de Kamp Nohl, Milwaukee Magazine) "The domiciles are artfully yet simply represented with 380 color and black-and-white images. The book is highly readable from cover to cover but will also offer new information and inspiration to readers who wish to browse. Sidebars provide concise answers to questions about architectural styles and architects. Beautiful images of the homes, their rooms, and architectural details can be found on every page." (Valerie Nye, Library Journal) "Each of these indeed remarkable homes is presented in detail with stunning color illustrations, which include Zane Williams's new photography of each impeccably preserved site, historical photographs of the homes from the time of their first residents, maps, and exquisite full-color elevations and plans handdrawn by Connolly and Wasserman. The drawings are so impressive "serving both as nuggets of information and tiny works of art" that one is grateful for and delighted by the appendix that describes the authors' drawing process in full detail. The images alone that grace Wisconsin's Own are enough to keep this book placed prominently on the coffee table, but the illuminating, well-researched, and pleasantly narrative text will keep readers from simply flipping through it like a picture book." • (Kara Mason, ForeWord Reviews) "A richly detailed, generously illustrated study of historic, opulent Wisconsin homes. This is not a pretty coffee-table book. With its clear, intelligent essays and color photography, it is the hardbound equivalent of a friendly and knowing docent walk through these manses." • (Jim Higgins, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) 2010 Gold in the Home & Garden Category from Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Awards 2010 Winner in the Total Book Design Category from Midwest Independent Publishers Association Book Awards 2010 Outstanding Achievement from Wisconsin Library Association Literary Awards 2010 Honorable Mention in the Non-fiction Category from the Council of Wisconsin Writers 2011 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History

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M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman have collaborated in their Milwaukee architectural practice for more than twenty years. *Wisconsin's Own* is their fourth joint book on residential architecture. Zane Williams has been a professional location photographer for four decades, with wide-ranging assignments both abroad and in his home state of Wisconsin.

When I think of residential architecture in Wisconsin, Frank Lloyd Wright immediately comes to mind. This book, naturally, includes examples of his early and late work. In addition, it contains a large number of houses of which I was entirely unfamiliar even though I grew up on the border of Wisconsin. The selection covers all styles and periods of Wisconsin residential architecture. From eight to twelve pages are devoted to each house with excellent histories of the houses, their owners, and their architects. The color photography is judiciously used to illuminate the text. For anyone with an interest in Wisconsin, its residential architecture, or historic residential architecture in general I highly recommend this excellent coffee-table book.

Gorgeous photos and readable interesting text accompanies them.

This book is a collection of some of the fantastic homes in Wisconsin! The houses in this book were photographed as if seen by tourists - no special cameras, angles or lighting. There is a history of each house/family, and the current owners' restoration efforts. Some of the houses I've heard of but most I hadn't. Some of the houses featured are open for tours, some are privately owned and you'll never get to see the inside otherwise, and some are run as bed & breakfasts or conference centers/retreats. It's an interesting read about some of the famous families in Wisconsin's History.

Not only is this the perfect coffee table book for Wisconsinites ( I do recognize some of these places near home!) but the price was so right and it came in beautiful condition! Thank you!

Wonderful book - very interesting and lots of information about Wisconsin's famous homes. Love knowing about special homes in Wisconsin that can be visited.

I have seen this book in different stores but it was always more expensive. I'm so glad I found it here for a much better price.

I purchased this book as a Christmas gift for a relative who loves to travel throughout Wisconsin. I didn't actually read it myself but did briefly look through it and the pictures are beautiful and the stories written about the history behind the homes look very interesting.

While the book claimed to be slightly used, there were not any very noticeable. Love it.

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