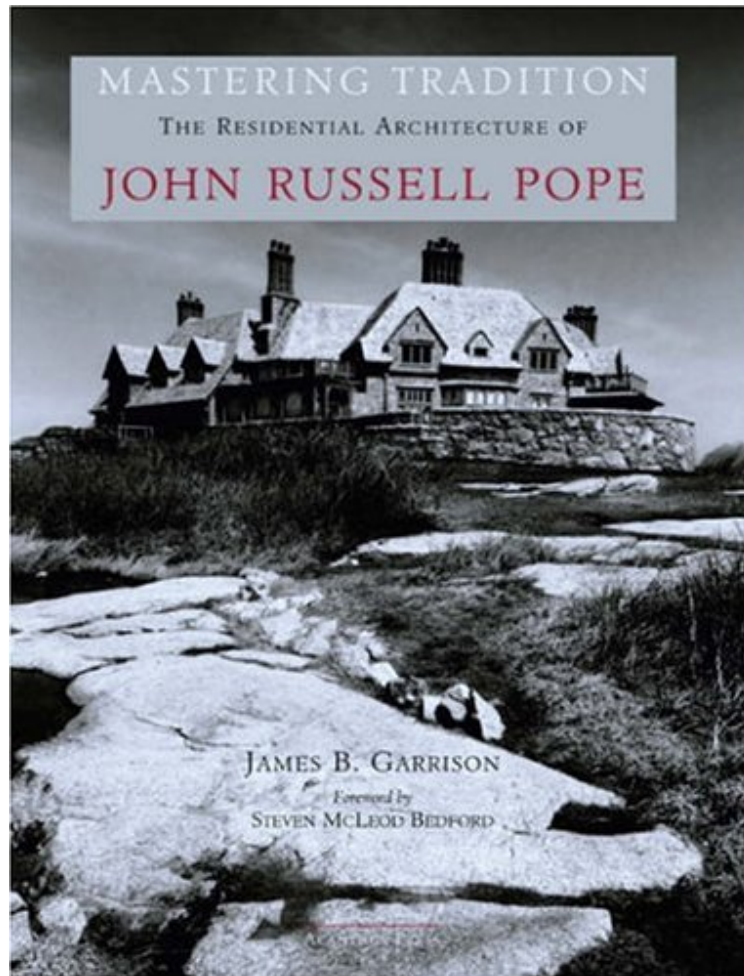


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the different levels of more of the houses would have helped, too. Perhaps the biggest flaw was giving equal weight to a number of quite mediocre houses, houses that for the most part did not represent any special moment of innovation or composition. The writing can be repetitive as well. I will keep the book because it is a decent source of information on Pope's Washington, D.C. townhouses, but I suggest others try the books by Pennoyer and Walker. 12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. BelisimaBy Shannon DeasonThis is a very well executed book. The pictures chosen are perfect and the authors do a commendable job with the research. The book gives an exhaustive cross section of Mr. Popes work and one gets a real appreciation of his talent. The book publisher deserves credit for creating such a finely made book, one never doubts they are perusing an expensive book. The only qualm I have with the book is that they didn't do like the authors of the book on Delano and Aldrich and include some fine current color pictures to compliment the wonderful vintage BW photos, that would have made it perfect, but this is close enough. Congradulations to the authors for this fine piece of work.

Classical tradition and a mastery of proportion, massing, and scale characterise the architecture of John Russell Pope, who is best known for his large public commissions such as the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. This volume displays 36 of his residential projects.