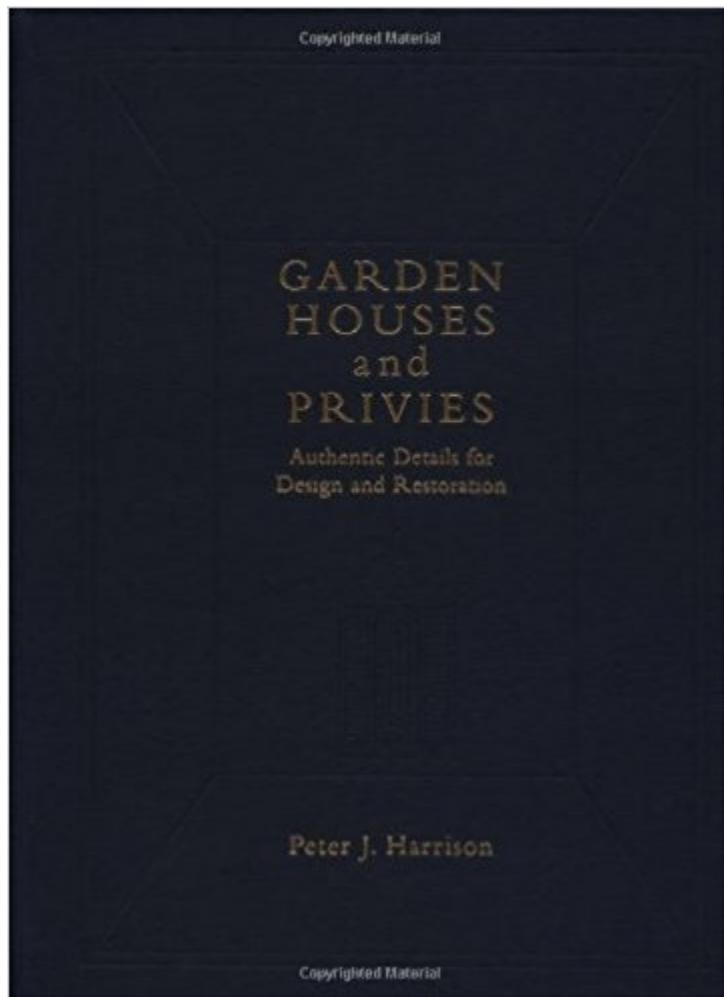


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# Garden Houses And Privies: Authentic Details For Design And Restoration



## Synopsis

An essential component of homes and commercial buildings before the advent of indoor plumbing, privies--also known as "garden houses"--have found new uses as storage sheds, pool houses, etc. In this pattern book of 18th- and 19th-century designs, Harrison has painstakingly documented existing historic structures and translated them into beautiful line drawings, including compelling details such as finials, doors, windows, and ventilators.

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## Customer Reviews

Years ago, I purchased another volume in this series, Peter J. Harrison's *Gazebos and Trellises*. That book was purchased at a retail bookstore in Boston. Over the years I loved using it. It is beautifully put together: sewn binding, crisp contrasty print. Fantastic, archival quality. I was excited when I had an excuse to order another book in the series and looked forward to its arrival. Sadly, it is only superficially similar my older volume. The book was electronically reproduced. Embossed in the back cover is an ugly, white square with an illegibly reproduced barcode permanently speared upon it. It has a cheap, glued binding, the text is a brownish colored ink that fades into the adjoining paper lacking a crisp transition of ink to paper. Thankfully, the drawings are nice, crisp quality, reminiscent of my older book. To be clear. My criticisms have nothing to do with the content of Harrison's book, which is first rate. It is with the publisher, John Wiley & Sons' inferior bookmaking when producing this edition.

Excellent collection of privies constructed from 1700 to 1875. The author has done his research and while the detailed drawings are the main focus, the text is interesting. I wish there were more of it as the subject is a bit off the beaten path. The book is a great resource for homeowners, architects or builders really interested in incorporating accurate historical elements in residential construction.

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