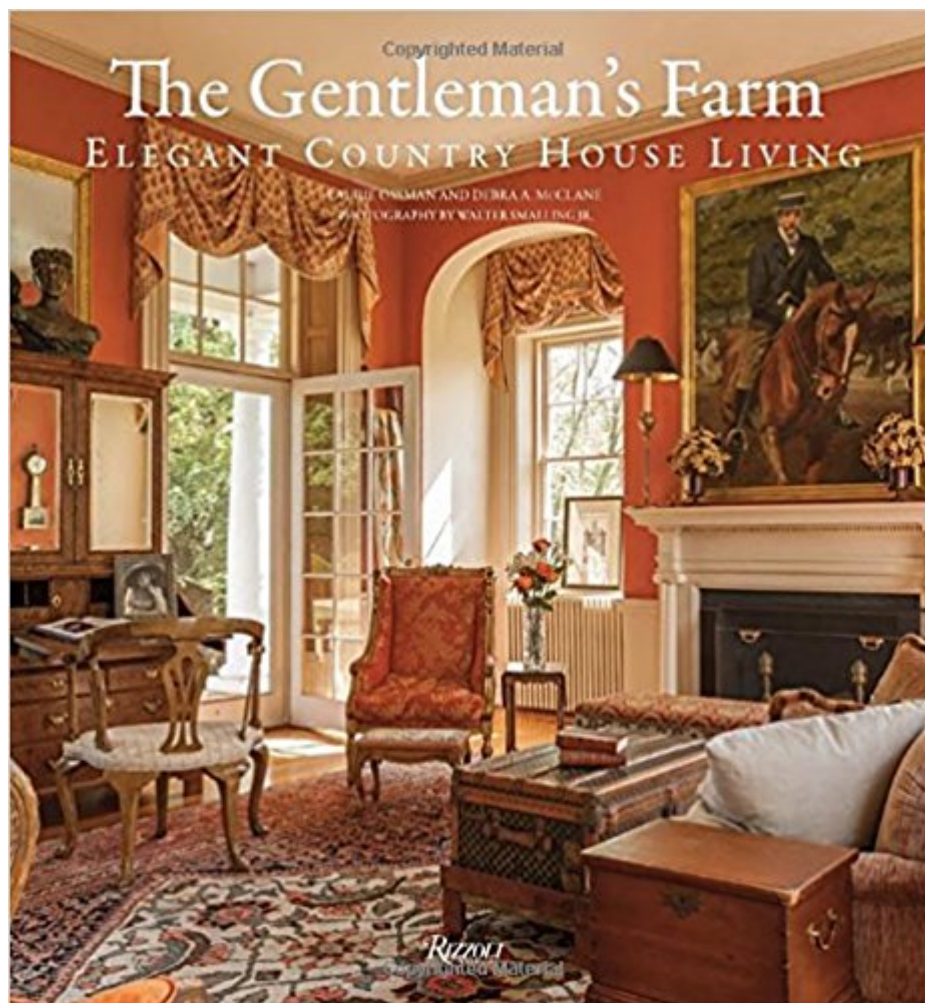


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# The Gentleman's Farm: Elegant Country House Living



## Synopsis

This sumptuous volume features gracious country homes that blend the very best of vernacular tradition, classical architecture, and high-style elegance. For four centuries, the ideal of the gentleman's farm has inspired Virginians to create extraordinary homes on landscapes of unparalleled beauty. Often places of retreat, these houses display the virtues of the very best of American historic and classical architecture, incorporating harmonious proportion, elegant interiors, and thoughtful design in traditional styles. Each one in its way a model of taste and beauty, the houses of The Gentleman's Farm are an expression of an American ideal of domestic happiness, the very picture of home, which has served to influence the style of residential building across the country. The houses featured, including a centuries-old home for a president as well as recently built residences, present a stylish, traditional aesthetic, hallmarks of which include warm, wood-paneled libraries, plaster walls hung with paintings of horse riding scenes, classical motifs, lovingly wrought architectural detail, screened porches, large windows that frame inspiring vistas of the country landscape—all those things that say home to the country and suburban gentleman and gentlewoman.

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This is an amazing, beautiful book! I highly recommend this to anyone with a penchant for historical architecture and even more so if you live in or have visited Virginia. This book catalogues a broad spectrum of beautiful houses across a disparate geography. Some of these properties are not

regularly open to the public, so this is like a "behind the scenes" view of the grounds, interior, exterior, along with plenty of interesting stories and facts about the properties. It is an awesome book to have on display on the coffee table and is quite a conversation piece. I found the photos and the content equally inviting. I am going to explore other books by these authors in hopes they will be as engaging and beautiful.

Because I am the photographer for it and it was great fun to work on. And Rizzoli did a terrific job with it; it's a beautiful book physically..The writing is instructive and also entertaining. The authors and I hope you will enjoy it!!

I saw the book at a local book store and compared prices with where I was able to purchase it for a much better price. When I opened it I was delighted about all the beautiful pictures from gorgeous homes. I have not read it yet - but the pictures alone are worth the purchase. I can't wait to read it and I know already - I won't be disappointed.

Wonderful photos with descriptions of the estates of the wealthy men of the previous generations. A nice balance between exterior and interior photos. I only wish it had more architectural descriptions of various elements of style, but it is still a very nice read.

Gorgeous and informative book. It is always great to find an architectural book that not only looks beautiful on a coffee table, but also gives insight into the history of these incredible buildings. I am looking forward to learning more about these important homes in the months to come.

Gorgeous photography and lovely, informative text will make you yearn for the properties found in these pages. More than pretty houses - these are homes that convey another, genteel way of life. Makes a very nice gift!

Having once lived in Virginia and having traveled throughout the state, I find this book to beautifully depict, both in text and photograph, the Virginia countryside and many of its one-of-a-kind plantations and estates. For me, it really captures the finest of Virginia's domestic architecture and rural landscapes. I will enjoy looking through this book whenever I am missing Virginia!

Dr. Ossman and her fellow contributors have created a fabulous series of moments in this book

where the original builders' history, quality of life, and appreciation of aesthetics shine in the hands of the current owners of these properties. Hurrah for the creation of the houses, their preservation and this excellent work.

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