



Homeplace: The Making of the Canadian Dwelling over Three Centuries (Paperback)

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University of Toronto Press, Canada, 1998. Paperback. Condition: New. New.. Language: English. Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand ******. Arguing that past scholarship has provided inadequate methodological tools for understanding ordinary housing in Canada, Peter Ennals and Deryck Holdsworth present a new framework for interpreting the dwelling. Canada s settlement history, with its emphasis on staples exports, produced few early landed elite or houses in the grand style. There was, however, a preponderance of small owner-built folk dwellings that reproduced patterns from the immigrants ancestral homes in western Europe. As regional economics matured, a prospering population used the house as a material means to display their social achievement. Whereas the elites came to reveal their status and taste through careful connoisseurship of the standard international high style, a new emerging middle class accomplished this through a new mode of house building that the authors describe as vernacular. The vernacular dwelling selectively mimicked elements of the elite houses while departing from the older folk forms in response to new social aspirations. The vernacular revolution was accelerated by a popular press that produced inexpensive how-to guides and a manufacturing sector that made affordable standardized lumber and trim. Ultimately the triumph of...



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