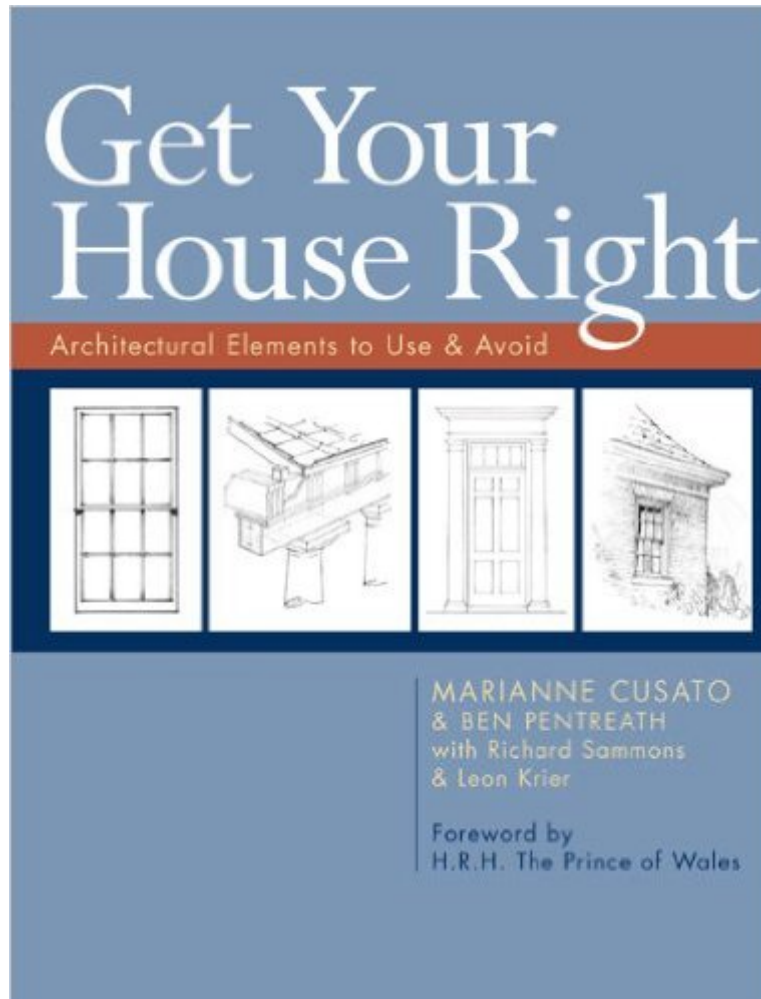


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# Get Your House Right: Architectural Elements To Use & Avoid



## Synopsis

Sick of McMansions? Marianne Cusato, creator of the award-winning Katrina Cottages, is a champion of traditional architectural principles: structural common sense, aesthetics of form, appropriateness to a neighborhood, and sustainability. She presents the definitive guide to what makes houses look and feel right, revealing the dos and don'ts of livable home design. Hundreds of elegant line drawings--rendering the varieties of architectural features and displaying 'avoid' and 'use' versions of the same elements side by side--make this an indispensable resource for designing and building a timelessly beautiful home.

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architecture. Into this skills void steps Marianne Cusato. She is a product of Notre Dame's School Architecture, a program known for embracing traditional and classical architecture. "Get Your House Right" is a comprehensive guide to the architectural language of classicism. Through the use of nearly a thousand beautifully rendered pencil sketches, she shows both poorly and properly executed architectural details. In this relatively short book, Cusato tries to show other architects what they missed in their architectural studies. I am not an architect. My hobby is looking at old houses. The value of this book is that it helps me understand why some houses work while others fail.

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