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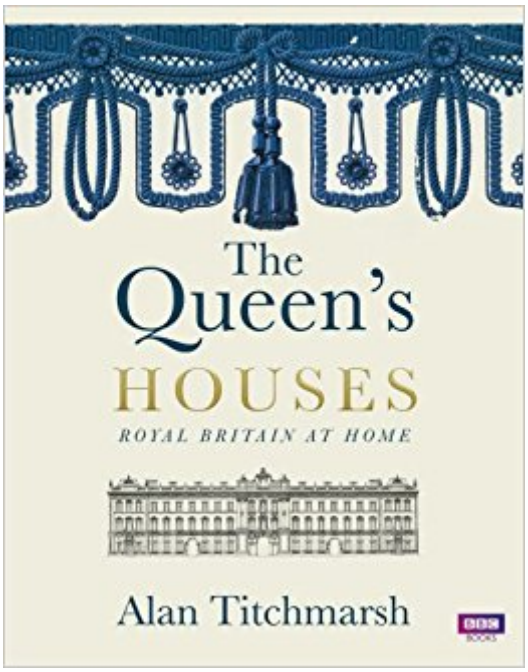
# The Queen's Houses

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## Synopsis

Both a sumptuous visual guide and an affectionate look at the personal family stories behind the formal grandeur of the royal residenciesThe QueenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life is dedicated to her publicÃ¢â ¬â •every move is scrutinized, every word noted. But her homes are havens where peace can be found, away from watchful eyes; sanctuaries of private calm in a whirlwind life of public duty.Ã Â Here Alan TitchmarshÃ Â takesÃ Â readers on a tour of the royal residences, examining the personal family stories behind these magnificent buildings. Through personal reflections, interviews with royal staff, and meticulous historical research, Alan looks beyond the formal grandeur of Buckingham Palace, the imposing structure of Windsor Castle, and the private escape offered by Balmoral and others. Illustrated with intimate family photographs and evocative memorabilia, The QueenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Houses offers a glimpse of life behind the state banquets and sovereign dutiesÃ¢â ¬â •a respectful study of the royal family at home.

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Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener’s Year, The Royal Gardeners, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers’ Guild. He is also ITV’s royal correspondent.

I thoroughly enjoy reading this book ! There was so much information i should probably read it again ! It was very well organized to make it fairly easy to follow the lines of succession . I really liked the

pictures , Even though they were very small . I kept a magnifying glass nearby at all times, and used it in almost every illustration. I look forward to my next trip to England as I will have a better understanding of all that I see.

A wonderful in-depth look into all the queen's houses. Not only is it well-written, it is full of pictures as well.it's wonderful to have such a in-depth insight into all the queen's houses!

Great history about the palaces. I was very disappointed there were very few interior pictures.

I remember fondly Alan's gardening shows, so I was already prejudiced. I'm finding the book really interesting, full of juicy details; but I'm kind of a detail freak anyway.

The book was not really what I expected. The author went into great detail about how the royal residences came into being. I was more interested in the current stories and photographs. Having visited Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle (alas, as a tourist, NOT as a guest) it was fun to see the rooms that I had visited. Especially interesting were the photographs and stories of the royal gardens. For Anglophiles like myself, this is one for your home library.

Concise, elementary history of the Monarchs who have lived in and built the royal houses but really very few photos of anything that is not in many other guidebooks.

Entertaining, insider's view & experiences of how the Queen lives & how her households operate.

Just very very special - reviews all of her homes - a book to be enjoyed again and again.

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