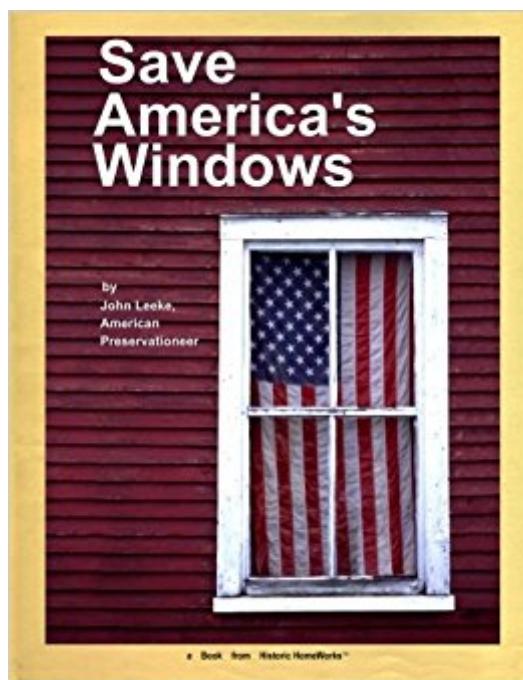


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# Save America's Windows: Caring For Older And Historic Wood Windows.



## **Synopsis**

Save America's Windows, how to repair and maintain older and historic wooden windows. An alternative to vinyl replacement windows. Covers traditional methods and the latest in modern high-tech materials and techniques for wood window repairs and maintenance. Learn how to avoid falling under the spell of the window replacement salesman. This is the alternative to vinyl replacement windows. Sixteen specific step-by-step treatments to repair weathered sills and deteriorating sash. Window project profiles, how to organize and pay for the work. Includes sources for special materials and tools. This is the 2013 edition in an updated version 4.3 with minor revisions since the 2013 edition first came out, with the chapter on sash glazing and painting; and an expanded directory with hundreds of window specialists, some in every state. 112 pages, 257 illustrations, color covers, black & white interior.

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## **Customer Reviews**

John Leeke is a nationally recognized preservation specialist who helps owners, tradespeople, contractors and architects understand and maintain historic buildings. He has been caring for historic buildings for over four decades and has saved thousands of windows. He has taught window preservation methods for the National Parks Service, Preservation Education Institute, Restoration & Renovation Conference, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Windows Conference and Exposition for Historic Buildings, and many state and local historic preservation organizations. Leeke's past window projects include: -- Preserving wood windows at the Sabbath Day Shaker Community at Sabbath Day Lake, Maine -- Writing the specifications for preservation of

the windows at the Maine Collage of Art's Porteous Building in Portland and training work crews in special window preservation techniques -- Contributing to the window specifications for the Philadelphia City Hall restoration project -- Solving window preservation problems at the Library of Congress's Jefferson Building in Washington, DC -- Training carpenters in special window preservation methods at Carnegie Hall in New York City

I bought this as a highly recommended book from someone who has restored an old house. Now I know exactly what to do and in which order of priority to preserve the original look of my old home. I particularly appreciated the reference section and advice on how to find local restoration workers in my area. A bonus is the good humour of the author coming through in the reading; I loved the secret ingredient for the window cleaning recipe!

You are going to try to maintain the unique look and quality of vintage windows in your project structure. Well laid-out, easy to follow instruction on rehabilitating and modernizing these "eyes" of your home. I am certainly glad to have this book on the shelf as a reference for myself, and as a touchstone which I can call upon in order to help others understand my passion for maintaining the original look and feel of my projects.

This is a great book that fills in the "Working Windows" book's gaps. We recently restored our 1940s windows and it was essential in helping me figure out how to fix a sagging sash rail. Such a great resource -- looking forward to using the book when we move onto our next old house!

This is a wonderful book! Love the sash easel, would love to have explicit building instructions! Very informative and I may have to contact this man at some point. Great book!

Good information will use to rehab 100+ yr old windows

Truly the bible for Wooden window restorers. Nothing left untouched here!

Although the original content was pretty good, roughly half the book was simply reprints of other legacy information. The biggest disappointment was the picture clarity. The review on [shows](#) color pictures but there was not a single one in the book, instead grainy black and whites that strained the eyes. If I could have read this book prior to purchase, not certain I would have spent the money.

I purchased as a gift so I can't speak to the value of the book although the recipient asked for it by name so... She's reworking windows on a home built in the early 1900s so she wanted the book (after reading book reviews) to try to salvage the old windows.

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