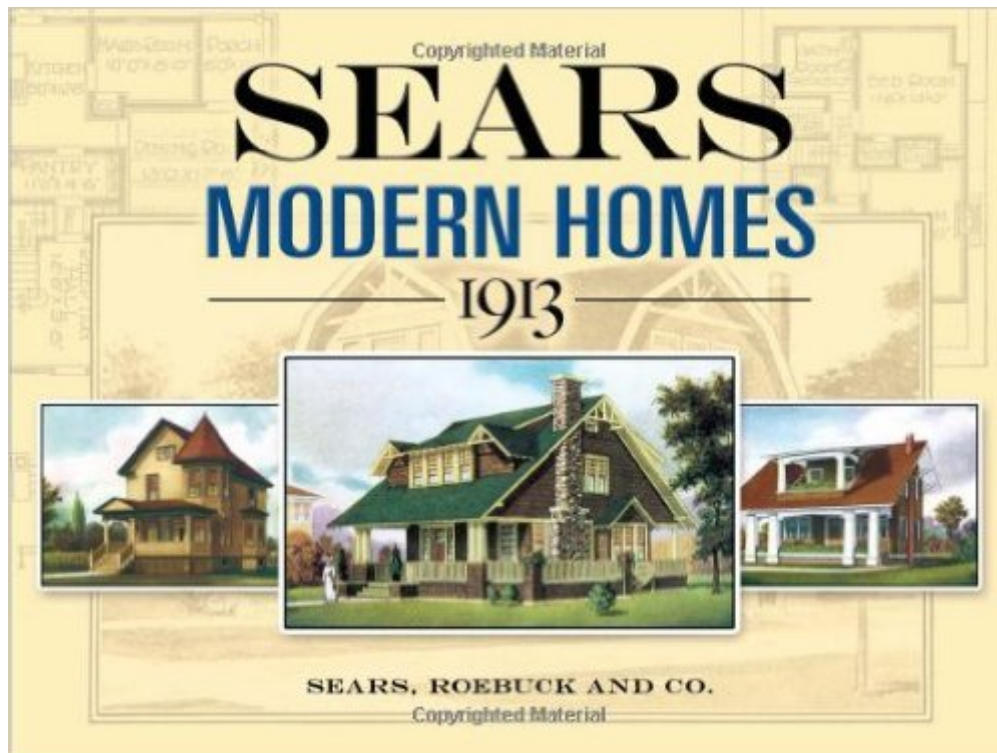


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# Sears Modern Homes, 1913 (Dover Architecture)



## Synopsis

For thousands of Americans, catalogs such as Sears' Modern Homes were the first step in realizing their dreams of owning a home. Reproduced from a rare 1913 edition, this volume features 112 designs for homes of "comfort and refinement." These authentic plans offer a wealth of information on building materials and other details, along with external views, floor plans, descriptions with prices, and more. Antique collectors, home hobbyists, and fans of traditional design will find this book a bountiful resource for valuable tips on building and restoration.

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## Customer Reviews

I was surprised to see Dover come out with the 1913 Sears Modern Homes catalog reprint, as the Schiffer Book (also available here at ) is a reprint of the 1912 catalog (even though I was not able to find that fact mentioned anywhere \*in\* Schiffer's book). Perhaps all these old catalogs will eventually be reprinted. Dover currently has the 1926, 1931 and Schiffer has the 1912 and now we have the 1913. And another new reprint on the market is the 1919 Sears Barn Catalog (also a very interesting book and one of my favorite reprints). All that aside, Dover has done a good job here and you can't beat the price. When I purchased my first Sears Modern Homes catalogs (originals) at a popular auction website, I paid \$20 for two catalogs. Now those puppies regularly fetch \$100 per catalog and up. If you have any interest in history or old houses, you'll want (and enjoy) this book. And the price - under \$11 - can't be beat. Holy cow, that's a sweet deal. It's also a good reference

book for anyone who wants to learn more about period millwork, elements of design and style (interior and exterior) and more. Speaking as someone who's spent way too many years ruminating about Sears Homes, the 1913 reprint is of special interest because most of these early designs were so ugly and unattractive. Rose Thornton author, *The Houses That Sears Built*

I purchased this for my mother and she loves it. she looks at it constantly. The written reviews from people who purchased and built the houses are a treat to read. You may recognize some houses from your neighborhood in this book!

This beautifully reproduced "Sears Modern Homes 1913" catalog was intended as a little gift for a contractor friend. The book has been a huge success. It offers splendid examples of "new" homes, many with bathrooms. That Sears Roebuck sold these home kits is a uniquely American. The Modern Homes supplied the best materials and all are very handsome. I wish I could buy one today... with a bathroom.

I have several of the Sears Homes Plan books, and was happy to add this one to the collection. The only reason I'm not giving it a full five stars is not for reasons of content, but that the binding is not very good. The book is printed in landscape format and even though brand new, the pages look and feel about to come loose from the binding. One center page did come unbound upon my first opening of the book. I'm handling it very carefully, sure that to open it fully or too quickly will release all pages without even the spine snapping. Still, If you're as big a fan of the Sears home plans as I am (there are a number of the houses in my town) don't let this deter you from purchasing this book.

Very interesting. There are some here in South Florida where I live. Well built. Similar products are still being made. Dean Buildings and Cabin Fever, both of South Florida are worth looking at. I bought and put up a Dean commercial building 30 years ago, and not had to spend a cent on maintenance.

This is one of 13 books on this subject that I bought in November 2008. It is a reprint of the fall 1913 - spring 1914 catalog. I used it in my research of Sears kit homes for a few years and eventually bought a second copy. I have three of the original catalogs now from that run and I can tell you they were not this cheap and they are rare at that! This is a rare catalog and a bargain compared to what the real catalogs cost. The actual catalog shows a few of the models in color as you see on this

reprint's cover. For the novice this is a great book. It has all of the models offered from that publication which shows the pages as they were in the catalog. You get the image of the finished home, the floor plan/sketch with measurements, included is a description as well as specifications. I recommend this book if you are looking to match a Sears model offered/built in the 19teens or if you are interested in early teens housing styles!

Very cool book. It shows many styles from just after my (non-Sears) house was built. It offers some insights into what was popular, and sort of the choices on my own home. For no more than it costs, it is well worth it.

I grew up in a Sears Roebuck home of this period, and we think we've identified the model, though the local carpenter who put it together did make some minor changes in layout. It came in a boxcar, neighbors helped my grandparents bring it to the farm 3 1/2 miles from town by wagon and it was stored in the covered runway of the corn crib till construction was finished. My family lived in it until my widowed mother moved 25 miles into the county seat where she worked in the area hospital, after we children went to college. It deteriorated with no one living there, and was eventually torn down to replace a barn on a neighbor's farm that had been lost to fire...he also made a handsome garage addition to his home with the last of the lumber..

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