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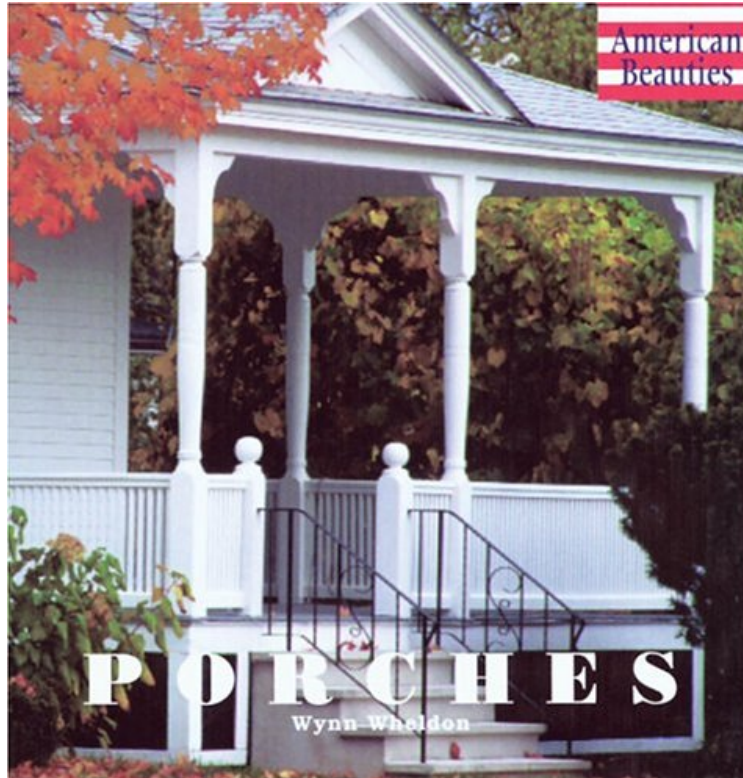
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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy rebelI love this little book...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Neil GuerrieroGreat information book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. CuteBy LGCThis is a nice coffee table type book. Easy reading and pleasant to look at on an afternoon. I was looking for ideas to redo my front porch so this was not exactly the book I was anticipating but the photos are quite well done.

This lovely book combines beautifully artistic color photographs with brief excerpts from the pens of famous American writers. A stately veranda of a Southern country home is captioned with a description of Deep South gentility from a William Faulkner novel. A rural New England porch showing a tricycle and baby carriage comes with an excerpt from Bret Hartes A Newport Romance. These are just two of the many typically American scenes that grace this beautiful book. The more than 50 atmospheric photos are serene yet powerful statements of Americana, beautifully complemented with the poetic quotations that serve as their captions. This is a wonderful little volume for gift-giving, or for treasuring in ones personal library.

The Bruss rating: On my scale of one to 10 this most unusual and very thoughtful book rates a solid 10 After enjoying this beautiful little book, readers will never think about front porches the same way again. Every home builder,

designer and architect should be required to spend at least an hour with this innovative book. Robert J. Bruss, Poughkeepsie, NY Journal, September 21, 2003

From the Back Cover [back cover] Often described as the forum of the American nation, the porch is a stage upon which the drama of everyday life is acted out. Whether simply rustic and charming or ornate and imposing, they can be as diverse as the country itself. This beautiful book is an unashamedly nostalgic celebration of this great American architectural icon. [front flap] Porches can be traced back to the founding of the American nation. Over time they have become icons, invested with a romantic and heroic idealism and cherished as part of this great nation's history. They are architectural idylls that symbolize the importance of family ties while openly embracing the world at large. The porch is a bridge between the interior life of the home and the world outside—a place to quietly reflect on the day, sit with neighbors and catch up on their news, linger with friends, or be alone with your loved ones and your dreams. A unique celebration of these beloved structures, this charming book features over fifty beautifully evocative photographs, from the simple wooden porch of a comfortable old frame house to the beautiful and imposing portico of a Southern mansion. Accompanying the wonderful images are extracts from some of America's greatest writers and thinkers, including Henry James, Walt Whitman, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Tom Wolfe, and Bill Bryson. [back flap] Wynn Wheldon, an Englishman, is an avid observer of American customs, arts, and crafts. He has published two previous books with American themes and has contributed articles to major British newspapers and magazines, including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Independent on Sunday*, and *Homes and Gardens*.

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