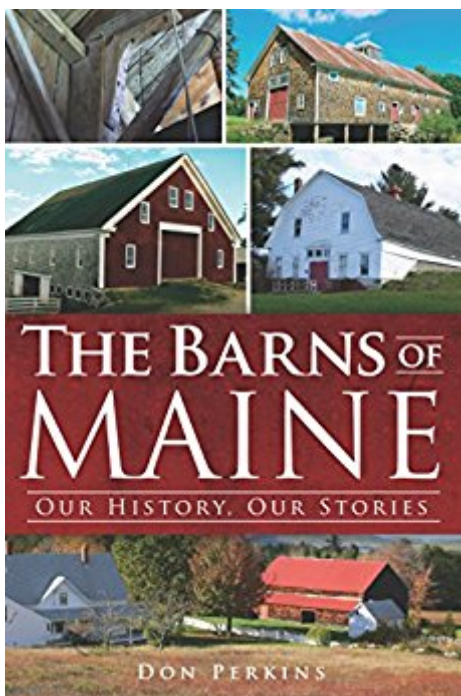


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# Barns Of Maine, The: Our History, Our Stories



## Synopsis

Although humble in their function, these carefully crafted barns have shaped the lives of Mainers for centuries. Built long before the days of plastic and plywood, the barns have survived for generations, each with a story to tell. In Bridgton, one barn offered comfort to a sixteen-year-old boy when his father was injured. Another New Gloucester barn was so important to one family that its likeness was engraved on their headstones. Some owners said they would rather see their houses burn than their barns, and others have dedicated their lives and livelihoods to restoring and preserving these buildings. From modest English to grand Victorian, Don Perkins examines the structures, origins and evolution of Maine's barns, demonstrating the vital and precious role they play in people's lives.

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Since I was a young child I had a passion for Barns. My father would take us for family excursions driving along country roads, looking and talking about architecture and barns and old farms as well

as signs. Don Perkins has written many columns for the local newspapers which included several stories outlining the history of barns. Once I was fortunate enough to join a group of barn enthusiasts for a tour of 4 great barns , all from different times, and Don Perkins took the time to explain the differences in their styles and function. He is a wonderful storyteller and barn historian, also articulate and has a background as a joiner. His book was fascinating, filled with details of the people who lived in these massive barns, and stories of how much the barns meant to the families who built them. One story in particular detailed a young boy's memories of where he sought comfort after the death of his father, sticks out in my mind. This book was written with all Mr. Perkins' passion and the reader will not be disappointed. I learned a great deal about building and architectural terms as there is a glossary in the book. It is filled with many human interest stories of the old time families who cared for these barns. Thank you Don Perkins for putting your stories together in print as a collection for us. Not only is it a book for barn enthusiasts, but a wonderful gift for anyone who has an interest in history as well as an interest in Maine.

The Barns of Maine is a little gem. Perkins successfully integrates three elements of barns: structural and historical analysis; regional barn history; and the real history of each of the barns featured in the book---the story of who built it, who worked it and who loved it, who lives in it now. Taken all together, it is the perfect package. Very readable and fun, but intelligent and informative. A definite must-read for all levels of barn lovers!

This book is a terrific history of Maine barns. It is well written and well illustrated. As someone living in Maine, I had no idea of the range of architectures represented by barns in this state. Obviously this book will appeal first to Mainers and also to people living in the other New England states more than to it will to others.

The Barns of Maine by Don Perkins is a super book filled with history and pictures of barns from all over Maine. Did you know barn raising is still being done by the Amish in Aroostook County? I didn't until I read this great book. Any fan of Maine history and barnology is going to love this book.

The Barns of Maine is really a great book. It is a flowing read that covers the history of the barns and the families that depended on them. Showing how the building were built and changed as the needs and times changed through the history of barns in Maine. This book also makes a great gift!!!!!!!

Who would have thought The Barns of Maine could read like a mystery being unraveled! You will never look at a barn the same way again!

Highly enjoyed reading. Makes a statement about life. We Need to remember history in this fast pace world. Taking the time to enjoy things we pass every day is a important life lesson.

Plenty of pictures and good technical info when needed.Many of my friends have enjoyed it as well.Highly recommend to "barn people"

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