



The Period Furniture Handbook (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Period Furniture Handbook What we need, in order to form an accurate conception of the style of furniture of any particular period, is facts, and not an expression of a writer's personal feeling, either in preference for any particular style or detestation of it. Unhappily the ability to enjoy what is delightful in every period is not common. The critic who knows everything there is to be known about every one of the period styles is not always as wise a guide as one who has that God-given ability to select unerringly what is best in each. There is not a single one of the period styles which has not some excellent examples of furniture design and craftsmanship to its credit. To discredit the Baroque or the Rococo, the Empire or the Victorian in order to exalt the Gothic or the Renaissance is silly. Each incorporates its own ideas of suitability, dignity, decoration, and comfort. The pomp and state of the rectangular types in Europe and America prior to the 18th Century, all count for nothing...



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