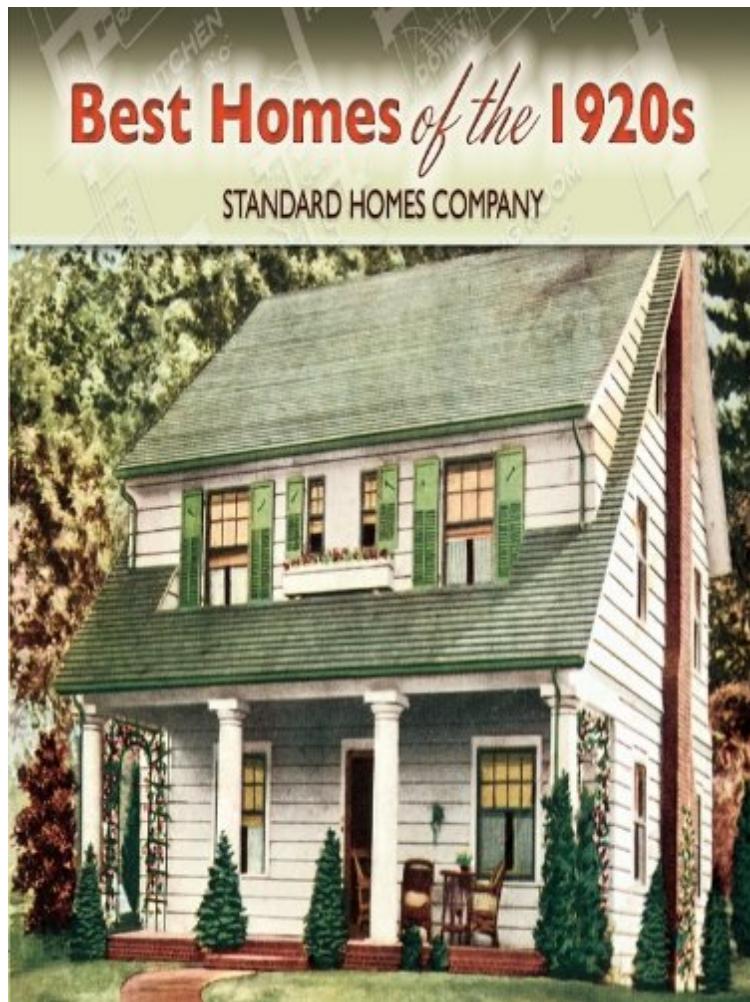


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Standard Homes Company : Best Homes of the 1920s (Dover Architecture) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Best Homes of the 1920s (Dover Architecture):

30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Very nice resource for lovers of vintage house plansBy SLSTwo important FYIs about "Best Homes of the 1920s":1) It is a Dover publication, and is an unabridged republication of a 1928 title by Standard Homes Company, published originally under the different name "Better Homes At Lower Cost"2) There are no interior illustrations or photos (important to some vintage home fans)It's a small book at about 8 by 11 inches, but it delivers a hugely valuable snapshot of American homes from a different era. I collect all these books because:1) I keep hoping I might stumble across a house I actually have seen or been in2) I love imagining how I would renovate any of these homes for modern living3) I imagine the families that looked at these plans and wonder why they selected one in particular to buildThese plans document very different and rather quaint values compared to today's homes. Some things I observed from looking at this book:1) Homes in the 1920s are starting to have more than

one bathroom, but rarely more than two full baths²) A lot of kitchens have en suite eating nooks, much like in bungalow kitchens, but many are really their own separate rooms³) Closets are getting more numerous, but still small by today's standards⁴) Porches, sun parlors, and sleeping porches are still a popular carry-over from the late 1800s⁵) Garages are not yet attached to most homes (that comes later as seen in house plan collections of the 1930s) I chuckled at a few plans that had "lavatories" with no toilet, only a sink, and were located in hallways. It's as though the architects were not really sure this running water fad was going to stick or not. And even though all the drawings are in black and white (some look like they might be actual photographs), the plans come alive with architectural detail. Also, every house plan is accompanied by its own oddly philosophical description, as unique as each home's roofline. My favorite is from the plan named "The Findlay": "The happiest homes ... are those in which the woman takes the most sacred part, and uses her secret power to guide for permanent good. Any woman who is mated to the man of her choice, and is permitted to enjoy freedom in a home like The Findlay can surely make it a paradise for worldly peace." Ahhh, what a lovely sentiment. Now tell me, who in today's real estate market takes "worldly peace" into consideration when selecting a home? Collections of house plans like this remind us of a time when towns were populated by genuine neighborhoods and not mass developments. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. They don't make them like this anymore! By seer333 These homes are just beautiful! this is the type of craftsmanship which people are still looking for nowadays. put this in the hands of a qualified architect to tweek the small closets and create a modern kitchen, and you've got a beautiful home that anyone would be proud to own today. Please keep the great designs coming! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Serve your imagination! By T. Kallinen This is a very nice booklet. I have used it as a discussion base about architecture. Home builders have found here better "starting points" than in many modern bild atlases of industrial home manufacturers. (I have a nasty online attaccer, some Hectoccor or resp. and I hope that he/she has no feet to go on over this very modest evaluation.)

It has required years of painstaking effort...to bring before prospective home builders the hundreds of practical, money saving ideas offered by this system... A little study of each plan shown will convince any thoughtful person that these are, in reality, the most carefully planned homes in America. — Better Homes at Lower Cost Faithfully reprinted from the Standard Homes Company's popular Better Homes at Lower Cost, this collection of early twentieth-century house plans was created with a simple system of standardization that allowed 1920s-era home builders to reduce construction costs while maintaining the integrity of an attractive and soundly built abode. Scores of excellent photographs, drawings, and floor plans depict seventy-seven meticulously detailed homes of wood, brick, stucco, and stone. From the substantial beauty of the eight-room "Homestead" and the classic colonial "Cambridge" to the spacious Spanish-style "Ponce de Leon," this is a rare and delightful time capsule for builders, home preservationists, architects, and readers interested in nostalgia and vintage home illustrations.