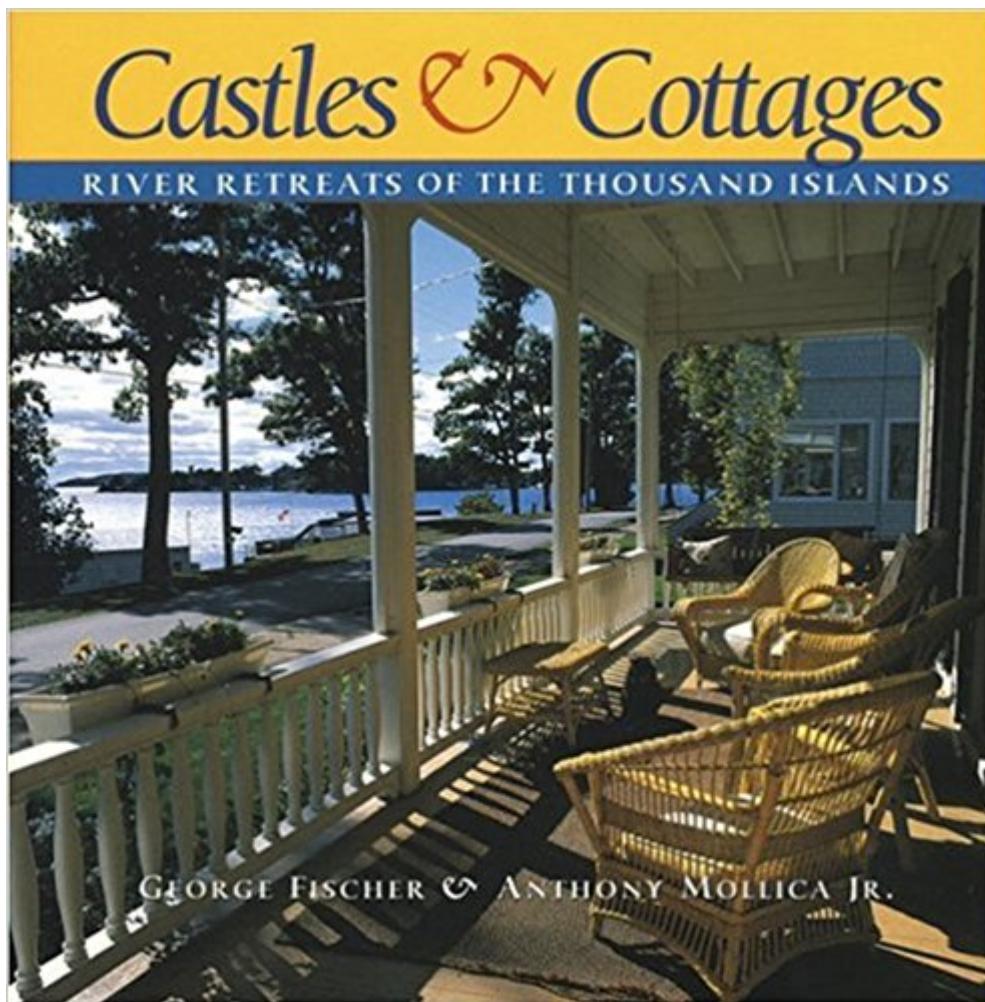


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# Castles And Cottages: River Retreats Of The Thousand Islands



## Synopsis

Glorious summer and winter homes. Whether you are a lifelong Thousand Islands resident, a summers-only visitor or a lucky St. Lawrence River cruise ship passenger, you are bound to recognize many of the grand summer homes and modern American castles featured in this full color keepsake collection. While photographing Sentinels in the Stream, renowned photographer George Fischer became captivated by the many extraordinary dwellings that rise from the islands and shorelines of this popular vacation region. In Castles and Cottages, regional historian Anthony Mollica guides readers through these exceptional structures, including: Boldt Castle McNally boathouse Cape Vincent's Tibbetts Point lighthouse George M. Pullman's Castle Rest, visited by President Grant and General Sherman. The Thousand Islands abound in historic and architecturally unique buildings, as well as idyllic cottage retreats. With fascinating insight and gorgeous color photographs, Castles and Cottages reveals the remarkable story of each.

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## Customer Reviews

A good coffee table flipper for lovers of architecture and history alike. (Ottawa Life)The accounts of their grand lifestyles and amazing homes makes for interesting and enviable reading. (Terry Peters Vancouver North Shore News 2004-06-23)Accurately researched... one hundred spectacular photographs... the book that virtually everyone has looked forward to enjoy, share with their friends and their River guests. (Thousand Islands Sun 2004-06-23)The stories behind the archipelago's castles and grandiose country homes of "millionaires' row." (Jane Gadd Globe and Mail 2004-11-19)A glimpse into the history and grandeur of summer homes... Above all, this book

illustrates the remarkable architecture to be found along the waterway. (Valerie Hill Kitchener Waterloo Record 2004-07-31) Extraordinary dwellings.... remarkable little collection. Besides the eye-popping castles and detailed fretwork on many cottages, I found the colorful boathouses and lighthouses had great visual interest. (Carole Desormeaux Canadian Camera) A lively and fascinating history of one of world's most desirable resort communities. (The Cottager)

For more than one hundred fifty years the Thousand Islands have remained one of North America's favorite summer vacation regions. Visitors come to the Islands in the summer are drawn to the tour boats that cruise close by the spectacular river homes. Many homes are historic sites and hold fascinating tales of the families that built them. Often tour boat guides stimulate the curiosity of passengers with interesting, but ever-so-brief tales of island homes as the boat passes by.

Returning to shore the tourists are still curious to learn more about the homes observed during their tour. Castles and Cottages was especially written for those who visit or live in the Thousand Islands. The book explores several of the island homes and the interesting families who built them.

Award-winning photographer, George Fischer, has captured the magnificent beauty of the river homes of the Thousand Islands in spectacular fashion. His photography will take readers around and inside many of the homes to help satisfy their wonderment about interior design and furnishings. Local author, Anthony Mollica, provides readers with a series of fascinating stories about the homes and their families. The author writes about early hunting retreats, hundred-foot houseboats, fifty-room cottages, boathouse residences and the spectacular castles of a bygone time. Castles and Cottages will help satisfy the curiosity of residents and visitors who enjoy the Thousand Islands and have always yearned to know more about the true stories connected to the island homes.

A little too much attention paid to minutiae.

We spent a lovely long weekend with friends on a private island in the Thousand Islands this past fall. This book is a wonderful rememberance.

Purchased as a gift for my wife. She really enjoyed it as it brought back memories of her summers in the Thousand Islands. This was the main book and the previous book was a companion to this. While both are excellent, of the two, I would recommend this one more.

One of the most outrageously beautiful places on Planet Earth is the Thousand Island Region that straddles the U.S. and Canadian border along the northern edge of New York State. This book helps to show why the wealthy in the late 19th century flocked there. The homes and the "cottages" are sumptuous, as is the terrain. This book is no substitute for the real thing, but it sure does bring back lovely memories of a wonderful place.

I was very excited to get this book. However this experience has not been the most pleasant. I placed the order for this book at the end of May and they stated it would be here no later than June 23. It is now June 25 and the book is no where to be found. Because it was sent without a tracking number I have no clue where it is. I have contact the company several times and there response was the post office must have lost it. I am giving it one more week before I demand a refund. I don't think I will order again.

This is a positive review of the book, but less than five stars because it is small, and feels half done. I would have liked it to be a bigger format, with bigger pictures, and more of them. It's like a tease. For the price, and as a light overview of some of the nicer houses, it's great. But it seems that it could have been something more.

Beautiful photography of the different seasons of this waterfront paradise. Lots of owner timeline history to the more famous islands and castles. ... Nlce inside pictures of some of the rooms, porches and boathouses with the desirable wood boats. Good table top item or carry out for the afternoon. ... YES, do wish it was thicker & larger format like other A.Mollica boat books I have purchased.

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