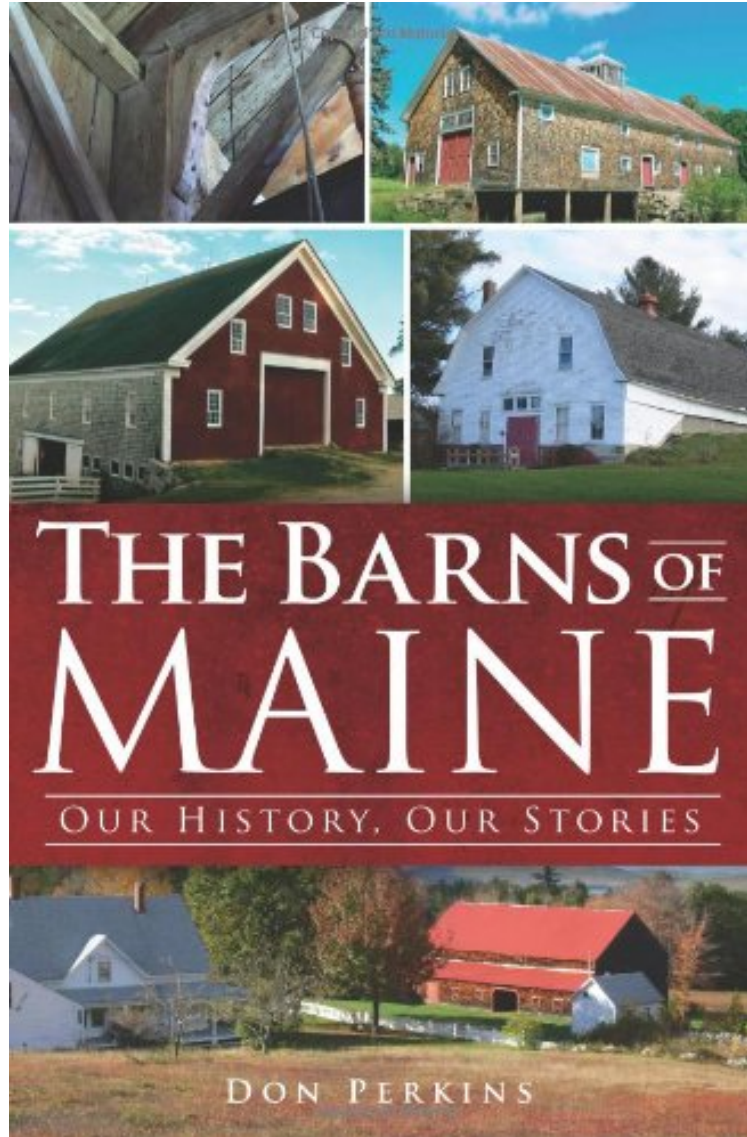


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enough to join a group of barn enthusiasts for a tour of 4 great barns , all from different times, and Don Perkins took the time to explain the differences in their styles and function. He is a wonderful storyteller and barn historian, also articulate 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.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Bulls-eye!By A. RobinsonThe 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!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is a terrific history of Maine barnsBy Stephen JenksThis 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.

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.

"The Barns of Maine: Our History, Our Stories" tells how those barns developed in Maine, where they are located and how they are used. --Tom Atwell, Portland Press-HeraldAbout the AuthorDon Perkins is a former carpenter who found a second career in freelance writing. He now lives on Sebago Lake and writes on everything from classic cars to ice harvesting to barns. He writes a column for the Portland Press Herald, and gives presentations and leads barn tours for historical societies.