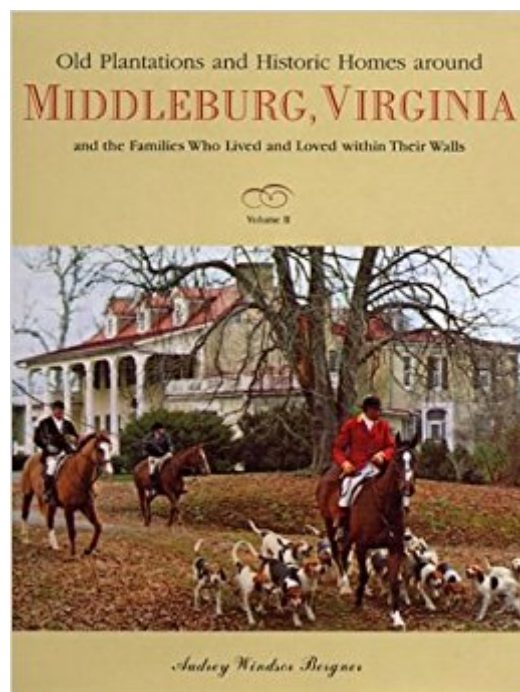




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Interesting book on the history of Middleburg and Hunt Country. Seems more of "year book" for the local families living in these historic homes, both those well known and those homes not so well

known. Interior pictures are not what one would expect from a glossy interior design book, but are interesting none-the-less. If one is purchasing this book for hunt country interior designs, pass; but if one wants more of an authentic history of Middleburg and the families that live there, buy it.

Audrey does an excellent job in her work and makes the history and story of each place come alive. She does take advantage of the current owners help in writing the story but sometimes doesn't listen to their input. The history here is mostly right and you could write a report using this and be mostly correct. Sometime it takes an outsider to write a history and with others help make it what someone out of the area want to know about those that did live here.

Not a scholarly work by any stretch, this book brings to you the best of "Hunt Country" decor and society. The text is close to trivial, but the selection of sites and associated photography are interesting enough to keep the attention of a reader fascinated by Virginia horse culture. Architectural historians and serious enthusiasts should stay away. This book has "tourist wanting to understand local society" written all over it.

Great coffee table book. It has real information one needs to know. I just wish it was an ebook so it could be read and displayed more easily.

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