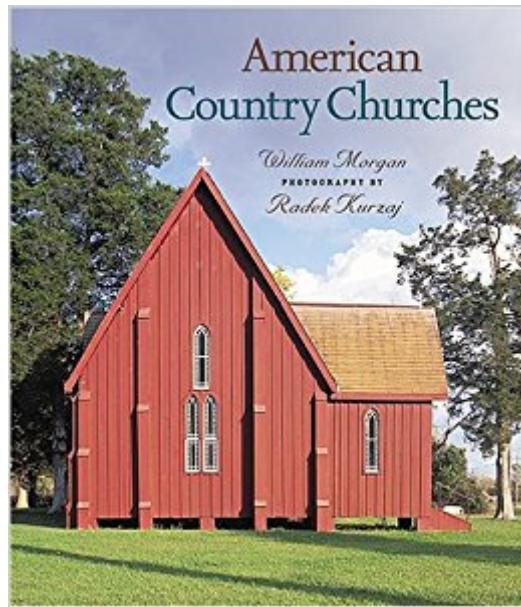


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# American Country Churches



## **Synopsis**

Now more than ever, vacationing Americans are choosing to stay right here in the U.S., to look inward at our own rich national heritage. Thus, there has never been a more appropriate time for this sweeping, gorgeously photographed look at rural America's most enchanting houses of worship. "The country church tells us who we are. In doing so, it provides a sense of security, especially in times of crisis," says Pulitzer Prize nominee William Morgan in his introduction. The outcome of an inspired two-year cross-country road journey of writer and photographer, American Country Churches touches the heart of America-and many of its religious denominations-as it presents 250 moving, all-new color images of more than 40 of our nation's most uplifting, soul-soothing spaces. The introductory text places the churches within the greater context of American history, while short essays on each church highlight its particular role in the story of its region, architects, and worshippers. As this glorious volume proves, no matter which state one calls home, there are always nearby places to go to find solace.

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## **Customer Reviews**

William Morgan has taught at Princeton University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville. His articles have appeared in numerous publications, and he is the author of The Abrams Guide to American House Styles. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island. Radek Kurzaj is a travel and architecture photographer based in Szczecin, Poland, and New York City. His books include Abrams' Living Large in Small Spaces, Colonial Houses: The Historic Homes of Williamsburg, and The Abrams Guide to American House Styles.

This book (coffee table size) contains wonderful, detailed photographs of about 40 rural churches from across the United States, each incredibly beautiful in its own way--some very simple, such as Missionary Baptist in Cades Cove, Tennessee (one of my favorite places in the south); others more formal, such as St. James Episcopal in Goose Creek, SC. Very interesting and easily readable information is included by the historian author, as well as close-up pictures of settings, interiors, windows, and historical items. I'm extremely happy with this book! My only complaint is that the sticker with the price was hard to remove from the back of the one I received.

I usually don't buy large coffee table books, but I made an exception for this one and I'm glad I did. I love the beautiful photos of the old, historic churches. I think churches are sacred spaces where you truly feel the presence of God and this book reflects that. I like the story and history that goes along with the photos. This is a lovely book and I enjoy looking/reading through it. The church on the cover is actually in Alabama, which I enjoyed because that is where I am originally from. The Southern churches and New England churches are my very favorite.

This was a gift, but I bought it because of the many different designs of churches. It makes a beautiful "coffee table book" and allows for a great conversation.

This is a very nice selection of country churches with detailed explanations that will be enjoyed for any coffee table reading.

I have ordered several similar books and this is the best of the lot. Great pictures. Great price. Enjoyable. I keep going back for reference.

This is a hardcover book but the one I received has no back cover at all.

This is a beautiful book. Mr. Morgan made great choices of which churches to photograph. The table of contents uses thumbnail images so you can quickly find the churches that interest you. The photography is superb. Altogether a book that is a joy to possess.

this book was a present for my step-mother, residing in an assisted living facility in brunswick, maine. she is a wonderfully religious woman and really enjoyed this book. congratulations to the

authors.and thanks to for making it available.

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