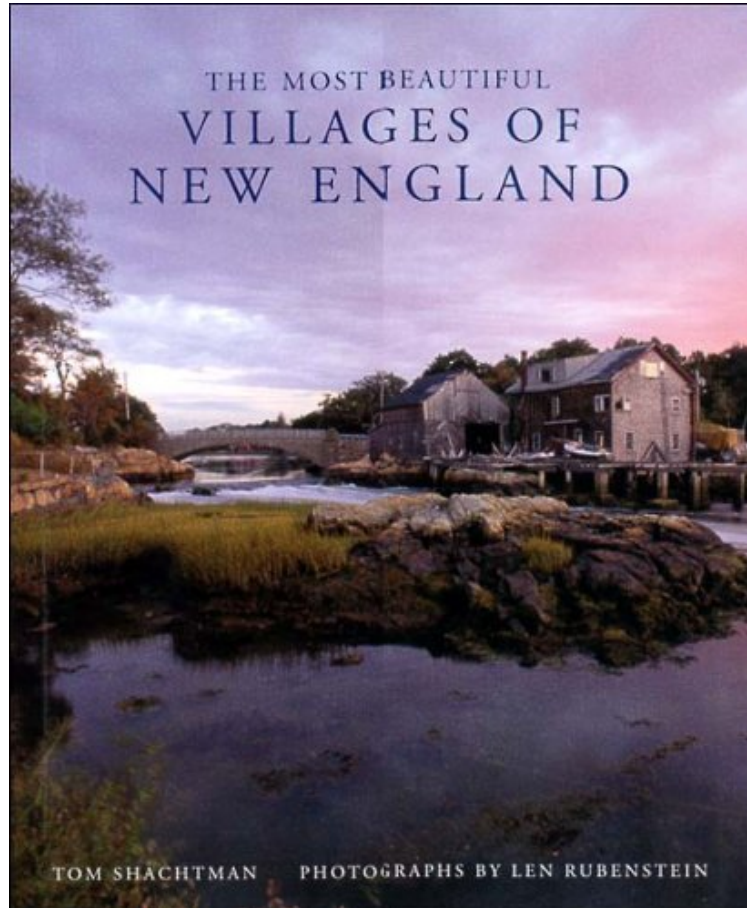


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legacy. Here, in countless public squares and cemeteries, are monuments to the battles of the Revolution, and memorials to the heirs of the revolutionaries who themselves marched off to preserve the Union during the Civil War. One of the most splendid repositories of American institutional architecture is found in New England's public meeting halls and churches, and in the industrial mills and factories of the nineteenth century. The book also celebrates New England's rich tradition of domestic architecture: seaside homes clad in weathered gray shingles, white clapboard houses surrounding village greens, and exuberant Victorian gingerbread homes. New England is justly famous for its succession of intensely realized seasons: its deep and snowy winter; its spring, which bursts forth in a cascade of melting snow and budding vegetation; its leafy, languid summer days; and, perhaps most famously, its autumn, when the landscape seems to be on fire with the vivid reds, oranges, and yellows of the foliage. *The Most Beautiful Villages of New England* presents over twenty-five towns and villages, chosen for their beauty and history, and for their diverse geography. Here are the fishing villages and towns of New England's rocky Atlantic Coast, from famous summer watering holes to isolated island hamlets. We explore farming villages and the highlands of New England's mountain ranges--the Adirondacks, Berkshires, and Green Mountains. In the river valleys we find quiet, exquisitely preserved communities and renovated mill and factory towns. Full-color photographs throughout

From *Library Journal* In this handsome addition to the series that includes books on the Dordogne, Provence (LJ 1/95), and Tuscany, travel author Shachtman displays the charms of more than 20 New England villages, from Nantucket, Watch Hill, and Stonington on the coast to the inland communities of Deerfield, Newfane, and Bethel. Many of Rubenstein's original and pleasing color photographs are full-page, taking advantage of the large format of this coffee-table book. The short historical essays by Shachtman are only adequate, while the captions are often disappointing and uninformative. Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood, stunningly photographed, is identified only as "the great hall"; a church interior, presumably in Walpole, New Hampshire, is not identified at all; and a field of black-eyed Susans is labeled "dandelions." In addition, the text could have been better wedded to the photographs. Still, this book is bound to be popular in any public library because of the subject matter and attractive work of the photographer. Linda M. Kaufmann, Freel Lib., Massachusetts Coll. of Liberal Arts, North Adams. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Tom Shachtman is the author of more than twenty books including *Skyscraper Dreams* and *The Inarticulate Society*, as well as a documentary film maker.