Colonial is one of the most beautiful and enduring home styles, with a rich past and numerous offshoots including Georgian, Dutch Colonial, Adams style, and even Colonial Revival. This thorough guide combines outstanding designs and proven ideas for redoing an existing Colonial or building a new one. Featuring over 20 case studies of updated homes and Colonials built from scratch, the book is filled with hundreds of inspiring original color photographs and before-and-after plans.

My Personal Review:
Colonial style homes have been built since -- well you can guess when. Modern colonials are built to suit modern taste. That is, the kitchens are large, there is a lot of storage space, it has a multiple car garage.

But if you have or are buying an older home, it may well not have all of these modern features. This book is a picture book with a fair amount of text showing how some colonial homes have been made more contemporary in the inside without changing the classic colonial front appearance. In many cases there are additions at the rear of the house to give the desired additional room.

Some of the houses being updated really go back a while, the earliest I noted was built in 1741. The level of remodelling/updating varies from house to house, some are really extensive, some done within a smaller budget. There's even a section on building a new colonial home.

I found this to be a great idea book.