The Houses of Greenwich Village by Kevin D. Murphy

Everything I Expected.

With its patchwork of secluded courtyards, gardens and narrow tree-lined streets, New York’s Greenwich Village is one of the very few neighborhoods that still retains the charm and timelessness of old New York. In this overview of houses from the early nineteenth century to contemporary Modernist examples, Kevin Murphy explores the architecture and interiors of eighteen houses and two gardens located in what has become one of New York City’s most exclusive and desirable residential communities.

Beginning with the Robert Blum House (1827), The Houses of Greenwich Village traces the rich history behind each home and delves into the compelling biographies of its original owners and architects, revealing the evolution of structure, design, and style in the neighborhood throughout the nineteenth century, as well as its vibrant and at times eccentric character into the twentieth century. The stunning photographs by Paul Rocheleau were specially commissioned for this book and give readers unprecedented access to some of the most beautiful homes in New York.

My Personal Review:
This fine book provides a good introduction to Village history and augments it with beautiful photographs of the houses that make this enclave so special. I especially recommend it to anyone interested in architectural history.

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