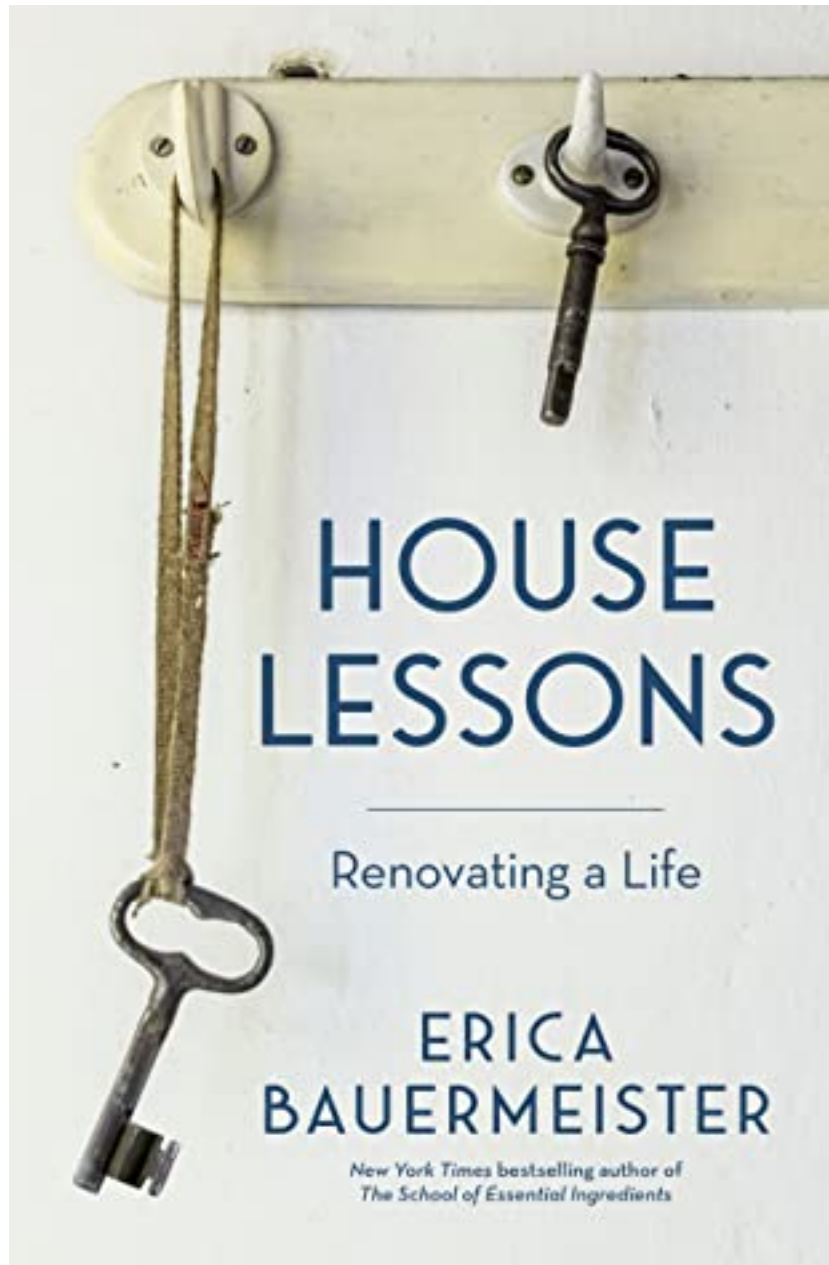


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Ann

I was really delighted by this book, probably because the only thing I miss about my few years as a Realtor is the opportunity to look at an endless number of houses. The details about architecture and the ideas about how our living spaces shape us were fascinating to me.

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Maine Colonial

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The author felt that the house had a living personalityâ€”not a good oneâ€”when it was derelict and crammed full of stuff, but it began to breathe and transformed itself as it was cleaned out, renovated, and then became a home. It was fascinating to read about that process, the lore of houses, and the lives of the author and her family over the years from the time they first spotted the house to when they moved in and became the caretakers of the houseâ€™s history.

I'm not one for magical thinking, but I was charmed by the several incidents of coincidence and happenstance that went into the life of the house and this family. I can't imagine tackling a job as daunting as theirs, but I very much enjoyed reading about their journey.

Torrie

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Jill Meyer

Novelist Erica Bauermeister has written a memoir called "House Lessons". Set in the early 2000's, it's the story of the house she and her family bought and gutted in Port Townsend, Washington. And how the redoing of a house brought her family closer together, as such projects usually do.

It's taken me a while to write this review; I finished the book a few weeks ago. While I enjoyed the book, it didn't really speak to me. I wish it had, because Bauermeister is a good writer.