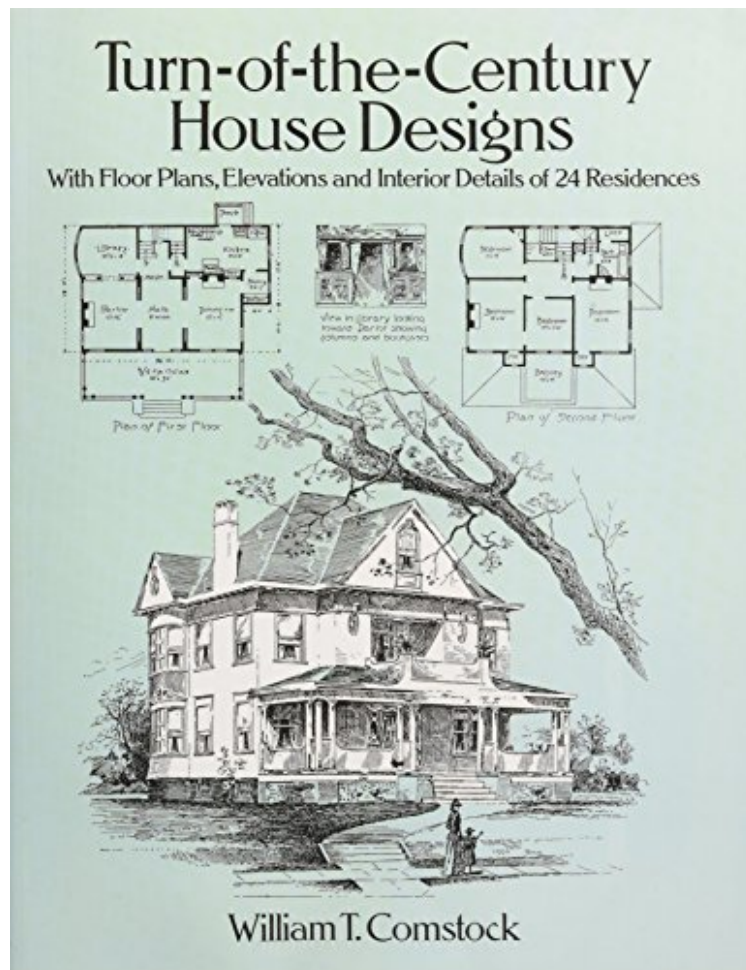


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About the Author The designs of William T. Comstock, a prolific 19th-century publisher of architectural plans, have inspired several Dover books.