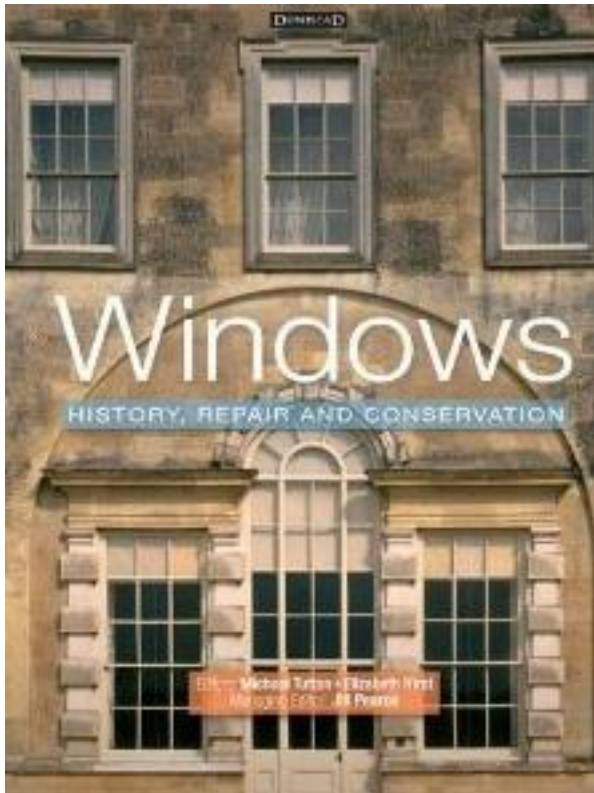


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The window has a long and fascinating history. It has evolved in response to the availability of resources, developments in design and technology, and the demands of those who use them. At once functional and aesthetic, the window must keep out the weather, provide ventilation, prevent intruders and buffer sound. Windows are also integral to the appearance of buildings, reflecting the practice and taste of particular regions or periods. The window cannot be seen in isolation from the building fabric in which it is set. This book presents, for the first time, a comprehensive treatment of the

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