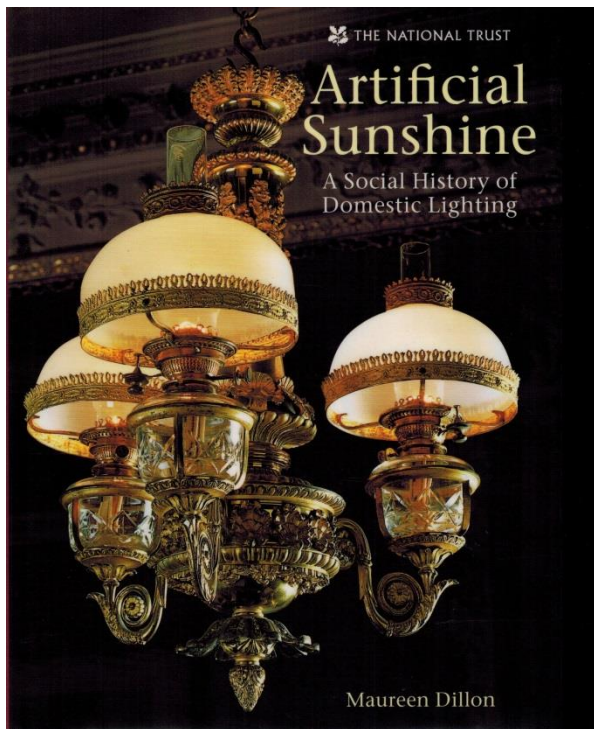


Artificial Sunshine: A Social History of Domestic Lighting (National Trust)

Maureen Dillon



“Maureen Dillon traces the fascinating history of domestic lighting, explaining the technological developments, providing the social context, and detailing the changes in style and design of fittings offered by the National Trust’s collection of historic houses, from rushlights at Moseley Old Hall in Staffordshire to exquisite chandeliers at Saltram in Devon, from dark lanterns and lace enhancers at Townend in Cumbria to electric jewellery at Craggside in Northumberland.

At the end of the nineteenth C., it would have been possible for a visitor to Britain to see all the lighting technologies described above. At the start of the twenty-first C., we can only wonder at the lifestyle of our forefathers, vividly described by Joseph Swan, the developer of the electric light bulb, as ‘the dark ages’.”

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Vom Kienspann, Laternen zu eleganten Kristall Kronleuchtern und elektrischen ‚Schmuckstücken‘. Die Sammlung enthält eine riesige Vielfalt von Beleuchtungsobjekten.

Ein Besucher in Grossbritannien hat die Möglichkeit all diese Objekte in Natura in den National Trust Häusern zu besichtigen und zu bestaunen, wie auch zu erfahren wie unsere Vorfäter mit solchen Beleuchtungsobjekten gelebt haben. C.P.