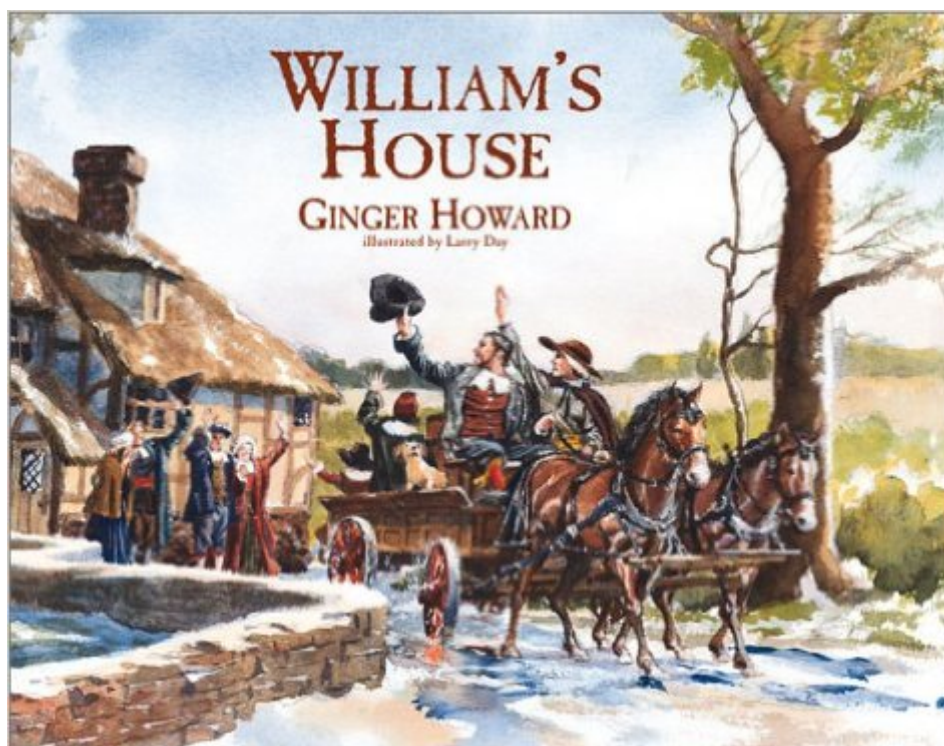


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# William's House



## Synopsis

Arriving in New England in 1637, William is determined to recreate his home in England but realizes that the climate requires modifications to it.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

William arrives in Massachusetts in the seventeenth century with his family. He must first build a house and he knows how to do it - just like his father's house back in England. He proceeds, but must make various modifications along the way to compensate for the harsher climate as well as using available materials. When his cousins arrive later and see his completed house, they don't think he has built an English house at all - but William and his family have a fine American home. The book is beautifully illustrated and provides a sense of how New England's early settlers lived. Not only did they have to build their houses, but they had to make their furniture if they couldn't afford to have it shipped to them.

I loved the book! As an adult, I enjoyed the story. It was a great portrayal of early life in New England and the underlying theme of change was well done. I envision the book as a great story to be read to young children as well as a wonderful book for a school age child to read. What a great holiday gift this will be!

A beautiful and simple story of William, who wanted to build a house in the New World like the one he grew up in in England. At first he makes a great English house but as the differences between England and America become apparent (warmer, windier, more snow...) he had to make changes to the house to fit the climate. In the end a cousin from England arrives and asks 'What kind of a house is this?' All is well as you see in the last drawing that the cousin is building a 'New World house' next to William's. Side images in pen and ink show sweet images of William's two children as they are exploring their new environment. My sons are 9yo and while this book is probably written for children younger, it still has value for them as we discussed the changes William made to his house and why.

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