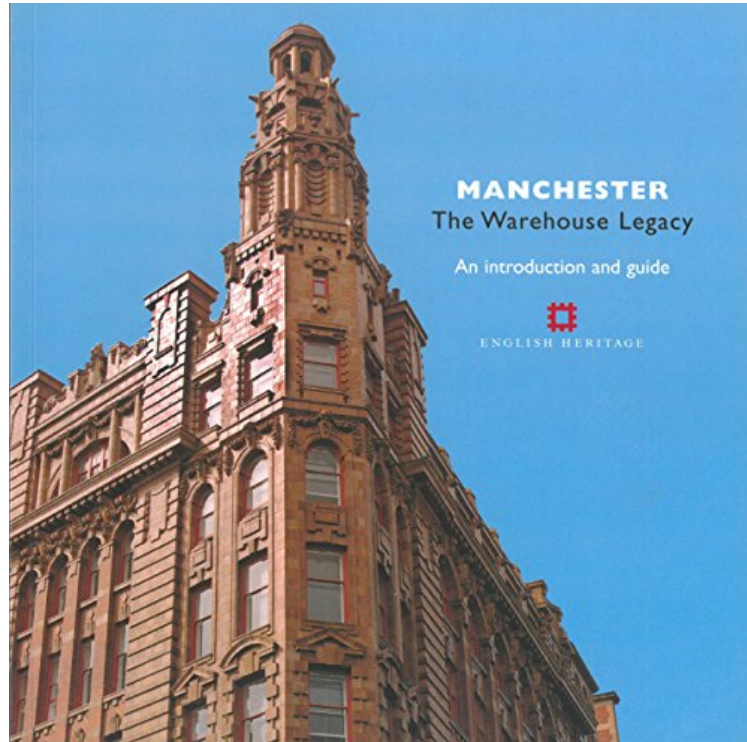


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Solid beauty, nicely presented By Charles S. Houser This brief study of the warehouses of Manchester, England, the textile capital of the world for almost a century, is thoughtfully argued and easy to follow. If you are at all intrigued by industrial architecture in general or grandiose visions of Victorian self-importance, you will enjoy this book. The photographs, technical drawings, and archival images in this "English Heritage" guide are exquisite and a joy to study. Manchester's first warehouses were built when the canals connected this city to the port city of Liverpool to the west; and they multiplied and morphed with the advent of the railroads. As Manchester became a key commercial center, these utilitarian buildings became a fascinating blend of functionality and ornament. Their public faces and ground floor showrooms were designed to impress and charm clients, while the upper floors, loading bays, and hydraulic systems served the functional needs of moving, storing, and compressing wares (powerful compressors were used to expel excess air from bales of cloth). By the late 1920s the textile industry had dispersed and many of the old warehouses fell into disuse. Manchester has done much to repurpose these solid old buildings--into hotels, office space, and residences, for instance. As the authors conclude, "The challenge for Manchester, as with all cities, is to continue to [make] careful and informed decisions about these buildings, recognising and giving weight to their individual importance and the contribution they make to the wider cityscape."

Manchester is known for its cotton mills, the Town Hall and its imposing commercial architecture, but it is textile warehouses that provide the distinctive element in its streetscape and make it unlike any other town in England. These warehouses were only built during the century following 1825 - a relatively short time in the history of Manchester - and were never found throughout the city. However they are intimately connected with Manchester's past position as the centre for the manufacturing and selling of cotton goods within England and to other parts of the world. Their monumental scale and sometimes exuberant architectural style dominate the areas of the town in which they are clustered. Nowhere else in Britain has there ever been such a concentration of buildings of this kind: the streets of the commercial quarter of Manchester are as distinctive as are those of governmental London.