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An amazing array of topics are covered, and the book offers detailed information, delivered in a user-friendly manner. --Kathy Greer, Unravel the Gavel, Aug. 19 - Sept. 15, 2005

From the Author

This book is a compilation of insights and learning based on the last fifteen years in which I paid close attention to matters of textile conservation.

About the Author

Patricia Cummings is a seasoned writer who has been writing a regular column, "Pieces of the Past" about antique quilts since 1999, in The Quilter magazine. More than forty articles have been published to date. She is a Certified Master Craftsman in Quiltmaking through the Embroiderers' Guild of America, an honor she earned in 2000. She currently holds the title of Chairman of the Master Craftsman in Quiltmaking Program. Her website has been in place since 2002 and has attracted hundreds of thousands of readers who have read the many articles there. Her words on quilt history have been quoted in a number of books, museum catalogs, and other publications. She has had her quilts and/or articles published in UnRavel the Gavel newspaper, NeedleArts magazine, Country Handcrafts, and The Appliqué Society Newsletter.

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