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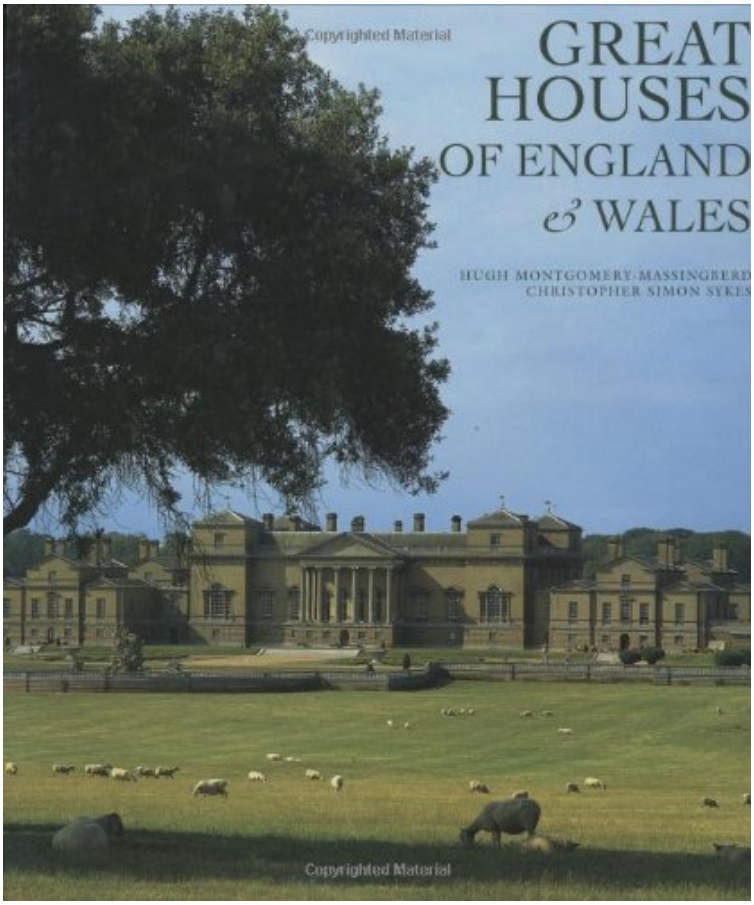

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About the AuthorHugh Montgomery-Massingberd is one of England's foremost experts on historic houses. He is the author of numerous books on the subject. Christopher Simon Sykes is a photographer specializing in architecture and interiors.