

Unveiling the House of Secrets: A Journey into 119 Rudyard Kipling



House of Secrets (1956-1978) #119 by Rudyard Kipling

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119 Rudyard Kipling, the enigmatic House of Secrets (Image credit: Sarah Stackhouse)

A Glimpse into the Past

Nestled amidst the vibrant streets of Ottawa's Glebe neighborhood, 119 Rudyard Kipling stands as a testament to the city's rich architectural heritage. Built in 1876, this stately abode has been a witness to countless stories over the years, earning its enigmatic name, the "House of Secrets."

Originally constructed as a private residence, the house was later purchased by the government and used as a diplomatic residence for over 50 years. During this time, it hosted a plethora of notable figures, including Prime Ministers and foreign dignitaries. The walls of 119 Rudyard Kipling whispered tales of political intrigue, international diplomacy, and the shaping of Canadian history.

Architectural Splendor

Beyond its historical significance, the House of Secrets is an architectural gem in its own right. Designed in the Second Empire style, the home boasts a striking white exterior with a red metal roof, intricate gingerbread

trim, and a grand porte-cochère. The interior is equally impressive, featuring soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, and ornate fireplaces.



The House of Secrets exemplifies the grandeur of Second Empire architecture (Image credit: Sarah Stackhouse)

Unraveling the Secrets

Throughout its long and storied existence, 119 Rudyard Kipling has accumulated a wealth of fascinating stories and legends. One of the most enduring tales involves a secret passageway that is said to connect the house to nearby Lansdowne Park. While the existence of this passage is

unconfirmed, it continues to spark the imagination of locals and visitors alike.

Another intriguing legend surrounds the house's former caretaker, a mysterious figure known as "the witch of Kipling." It is rumored that she possessed strange and uncanny abilities, and her presence is said to linger within the walls of the house to this day.

A Community Hub

In 1989, 119 Rudyard Kipling was designated as a heritage property, recognizing its historical and architectural significance. After undergoing extensive renovations, the house was transformed into a community hub, housing a variety of organizations and events.

Today, the House of Secrets is a vibrant center for the community. It hosts art exhibitions, workshops, concerts, and other cultural activities. The former caretaker's cottage has been converted into a cozy café, offering a charming place to relax and soak up the historic atmosphere.



119 Rudyard Kipling has transformed into a vibrant community hub, hosting a variety of events and activities (Image credit: Sarah Stackhouse)

Quick Facts

- Built: 1876
- Architectural style: Second Empire
- Designated a heritage property: 1989
- Current use: Community hub

Notable Former Residents

- Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald
- Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King

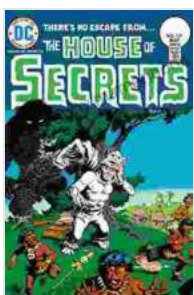
- Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson

Local Legends

- The secret passageway to Lansdowne Park
- The witch of Kipling

Preserving a Legacy

The House of Secrets stands as a testament to the enduring power of history and community. Through careful restoration and preservation, this iconic abode has been revitalized as a vibrant center for the Glebe neighborhood. Its unique stories and captivating architecture continue to inspire and captivate visitors, ensuring that the legacy of 119 Rudyard Kipling will endure for generations to come.



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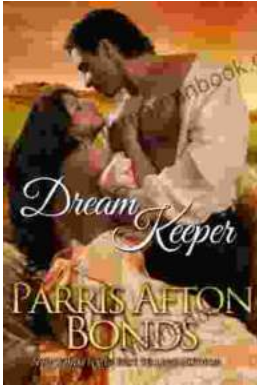
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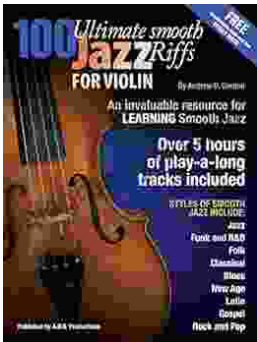
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