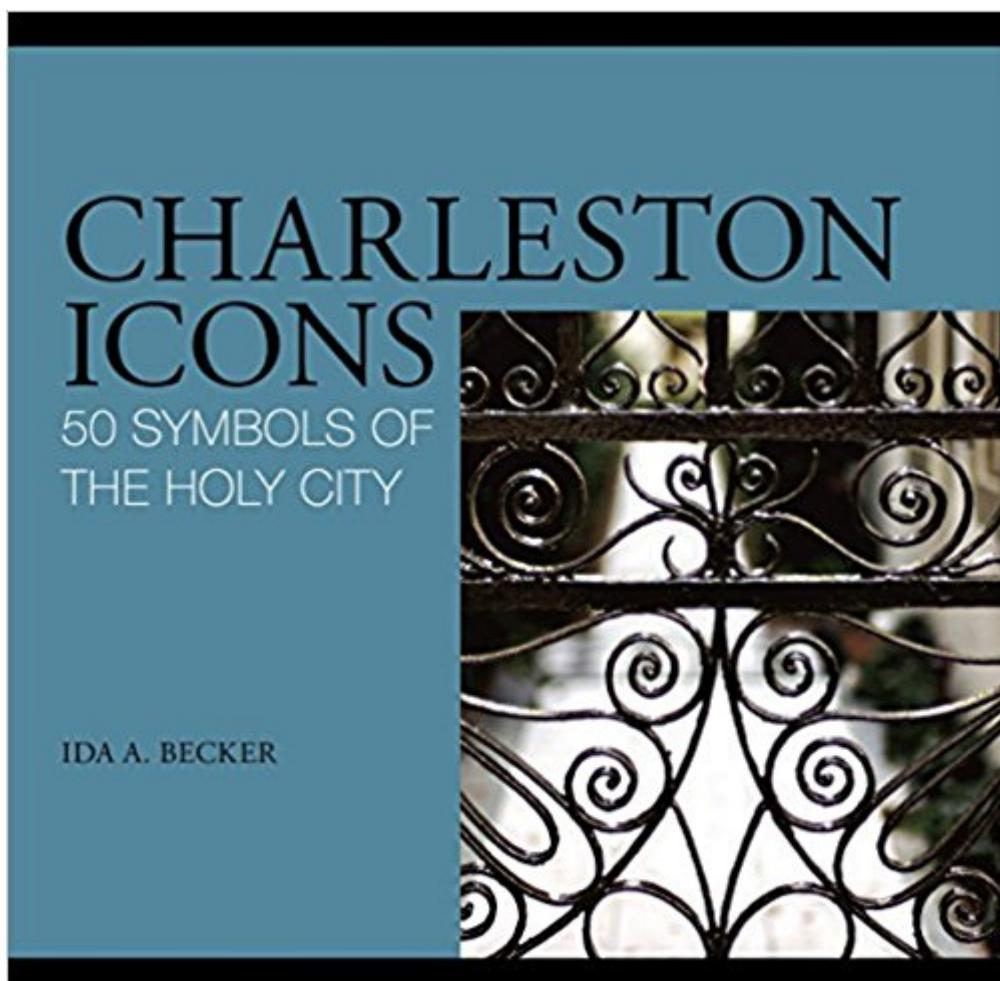


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Charleston Icons: 50 Symbols Of The Holy City



Synopsis

Charleston Icons celebrates the Holy City through full-color photographs and evocative essays highlighting fifty of the best places, foods, buildings, institutions, and inventions that Charleston has to offer.

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Charleston is a cocoon of gentility surrounded by a sensuous landscape of verdant tea olives, majestic magnolias, and undulating coastal dunes. Prized for its well-preserved architecture and savored for its antiquated charm, this great city bustles with the vigor of artists, chefs, and visionaries. Charleston Icons illustrates the quintessential places, events, and items that make Charleston so fascinating. Profiled here are fifty classic symbols of this extraordinary city, revealing little-known facts, longtime secrets, and historical legends. From seersucker suits to sweetgrass baskets, discover the inside story about the very things that give this city its character. Did you know that Porgy and Bess was a groundbreaking folk opera set in Charleston that made its debut in 1935 with a cast comprised entirely of African American actors? Or that the joggling board, a rocking chair-bench hybrid created in the 1830s as a therapy for rheumatism, quickly became a fashionable local piazza adornment? Or that the Charleston Tea Plantation is the only farm of its kind in North America? For natives and newcomers alike, Charleston Icons is a treasured keepsake of this charming city.

The Best of CharlestonWhat makes Charleston, Charleston? With this entertaining collection of photos, anecdotes, and little-known facts, find out the story behind fifty of the Holy City's best-known and beloved icons: The Four Corners of Law, She Crab Soup, The Joggling Board, Oyster Roast, Sweetgrass Baskets, Historic Homes and Gardens, and Much More. Native Charlestonians and first-time visitors alike will cherish this timeless celebration of Charleston's incomparable spirit.

What an excellent book. It does cover the expected topics - the forts, plantations, the usual touristy must see/must do things, but also includes information about things other books don't even mention - such as Charleston's unique livability court, the background and significance of seersucker suits, and that strange culinary offering - boiled peanuts. This book offers a lot of insight and background without being a tome - it's a very portable book, one you should take with you if you are going to travel to the Holy City.

My daughter wanted this book when we were on vacation. With little room left in our baggage I convinced her to wait until we returned home. 6 months later, she received the book for her birthday and she loves it! She's 17 and has enjoyed sharing memories of our trip with her friends and other family members. We even tried one of the recipes and had a wonderful meal.

This book gave a condensed version of what to do/see in Charleston. I took a guided tour of the city and found I knew most of the history given just reading this book! I recommend it for anyone visiting Charleston for the first time.

If you like Charleston you'll love this book. I live here and have bought several copies for gifts.

This is a delightful book with exquisite photographs that offer the reader an intimate, introspective view of Charleston. Cleverly selected icons, all very apropos, that speak to Charleston and the wonderful character of this fascinating city. This book is a must read before visiting Charleston as it enlightens the reader to the visual feast and "don't miss" details that await them.

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