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Virginia Plantation Homes



Synopsis

Shows a variety of old Virginia mansions and briefly discusses the history of each home.

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Customer Reviews

David King Gleason (1927-1992) was a professional photographer based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His other books include Baton Rouge, Over New Orleans, Over Boston, Over Miami, Antebellum Homes of Georgia, and Atlanta.

Condition as stated. Wonderful book at an excellent price!

great photography

Very nice book on southern plantations.

This book is a very well organized photo journey through Virginia showing all the important plantation houses with brief but informative descriptions/history of each. Great pictures also.

If you love to travel, but can't always hop in the car or on a plane to do so, and especially if you love to travel to historical locations like I do - then you're going to LOVE this book. The photos in the book are just like standing there right in front of the homes. I live in Virginia and have seen several

of these homes in person, so I can say that with honesty! If there was anything negative to say about the book, that would be that there's not enough interior pictures, and I'd love a little more about the history of each home. This is a great book though - a great way to "armchair" travel. It's a little on the large size, (it's wide, not tall) so it probably won't fit in a bookshelf unless you have real deep shelves. Would make for a great coffeetable book! Sit back and enjoy the tour of these beautiful old homes.

There are many books out there dedicated to plantations in Virginia. This one stands out for two specific reasons. First, the catalog is wonderfully comprehensive. The author has done a fine job bringing almost all of the well-known landmarks to this volume. Second, the book contains some really amazing aerial photographs of the sites that we don't usually see, many of which are full page. I would definitely consider this book more of the "coffee table" variety than a work of architectural history. It's a big book intended for leisurely browsing.

My passion - gorgeous old homes, gracious and always beautiful. Hard to believe that people actually live in these; of course their great beauty is due to centuries of slaves who built them and now only visiting, paying tourists can keep them going. However, aside from that historical downside, the photos are breathtaking, there are plenty of interior shots which are lovely. Fantastic book for history buffs, Southern history buffs, interior decorating fans - lots of eye candy here, you never get tired of going through these wonderful pictures.

I like the book, but I am glad that I bought a used copy (cheaper) through the listed sellers. I thought that some of the photos should have been taken from a different view to get the best photo. Also, some of the photos have no comments about them, and for a couple I was not sure to which house they applied, or what room, or house location. My book did not come with a dust cover in case the info was there, but it would have been nice to know in the first pages the name of the house on the cover, without having to wait to find it. To sum it up, nice book, but a good used version.

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