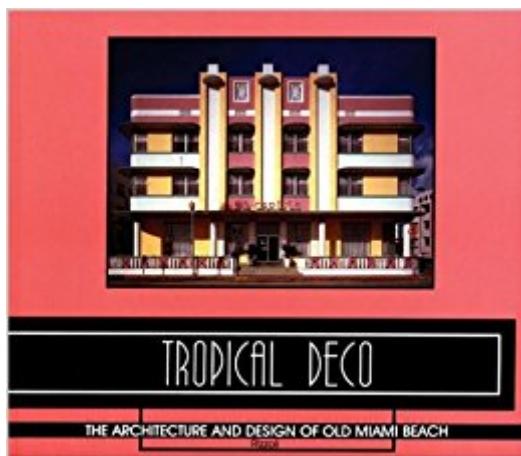


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Tropical Deco: The Architecture And Design Of Old Miami Beach



Synopsis

Shows Art Deco apartments, hotels, and theaters in old Miami Beach and highlights the architectural details and murals of those historic buildings.

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Laura Cerwinski's commentaries on architecture, interior design, garden design and fine art appear regularly in numerous publications. Her parents met on Miami Beach, and she considers its imagery a part of her creative heritage. David Kaminsky, also a Miami native, is a freelance architectural photographer. He spent a year photographing the Miami Beach Art Deco District.

Dated.

Excellent condition.

Love Art Deco AND Florida, so this was perfect for me.

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I have the first edition and was looking for photos of the current look of Miami Beach. This was simply the same pictures I had ordered it for a gift since my friend is going to Miami Beach and loves Deco. I was hoping to have a book of the current look of the historic buildings....maybe they

are all painted just the same as 25 years ago - I'm going to go also and will see. With that said I love the book but will not need to order me another one to go with the first edition!

This book has been around for 20+ years and is mostly photographs taken in late 1970's and early 1980's. Much has changed in the ensuing 25 years. Many of the buildings have since been repainted, as in the Carlyle featured on the cover. Some, as with the graceful St Moritz, have been restored (today it looks much different, and better, than in this book's photograph). Best of all this book documents some things that are no longer there as in the wonderful photos of the Tiffany murals, the old Cinema Theatre interior, and the demolished Sands Hotel. The book is broken up into chapters based on architectural details (Facades, Doorways, Materials, etc). The text is well written and gives one a good grounding in the Miami Beach Deco architectural style. Best of all it is filled with wonderful photographs. A great historical record of a time when the Art Deco District had just been formed.

I found this book years ago at the Delray Beach library. It had been checked out so many times that it was in pretty ragtag shape. I decided to order my own copy just so I could gaze at deco whenever I wanted to. This book is a fantastic primer for anyone interested in Miami. Read this book and then take it with you on the Miami art deco tour; you will be that much more prepared to appreciate the tour and prepared to ask questions to your knowledgeable tour guide.

Open the pages of this book to feel the heat on your face and sand between your toes. You're looking at some of the most whimsical and delightful architecture in the world. Imagine approaching this country for the first time from the water and being greeted by these buildings. They are a testament to this country's creativity, humor and ability to dream into the future. And the best part is that they are so well preserved so that you can experience them in person inside and out.

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