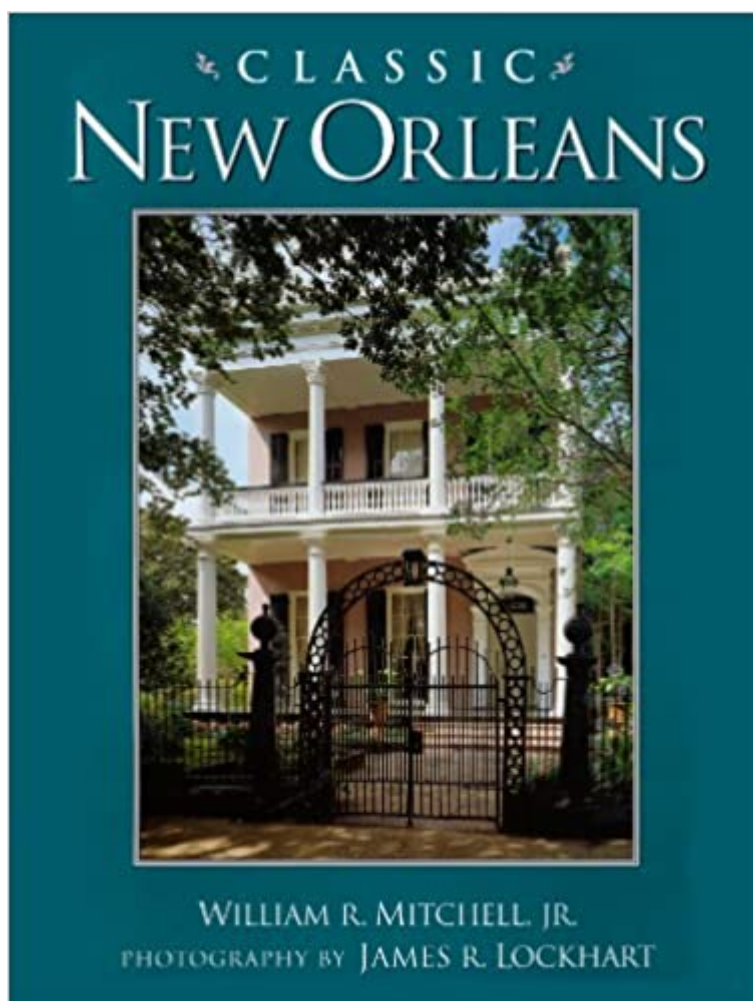


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Synopsis

An enlightening tour through the past and present of this unique American city, identifying the qualities and landmarks that make it, as author Bill Mitchell states, "unmistakably itself" and stressing the importance of preserving them. Includes three hundred twenty photographs, maps, and images.

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Anyone who has visited New Orleans has more than likely visited some of the homes and mansions erected during the neoclassical period. Those who have had such experiences will want to peruse this lavishly illustrated volume, which not only delivers a history and chronology of the architecture of the city but examines over two dozen homes that are open to the public via tours of private visitation. After a brief history of the city, Mitchell, an architectural historian, and Lockhart, the photographer for the State of Georgia Office of Historic Preservation, guide the reader both textually and visually through the various districts of the city to examine in detail the exteriors and interiors of homes that have been restored to their original form and classical beauty. Public and academic libraries will seriously want to consider this book for their architecture collections.- Bruce Alan Hanson, Wayzata East J. H.S. Lib., Minn. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Mitchell's book reveals the cultural essence of New Orleans through a wealth of stunning photographs and informative text describing prime examples of the diverse architectural styles to be

found in perhaps the most distinctly eccentric of American cities. Presenting a survey of historic New Orleans neighborhoods, Mitchell offers examples of French empire, American classical, Greek revival, creole, Italianate, and "shotgun-style" cottages. These are actually but a handful of the period styles to be found in this impressive sampling of superbly restored homes. Impressively designed interior spaces are pictured along with beautiful exterior facades. Vignettes of architectural history serve to elaborate upon New Orleans' founding families and the uniquely preserved character of bygone days. Alice Joyce

Beautiful book with absolutely no footnotes or bibliography. No research whatsoever went into the book. If you are looking for any type of architectural history of New Orleans this book is not for you.

The photography in this book is spectacular. It would make an extraordinary gift if you could bring yourself to give it up.

This book does such a good job at capturing St. Charles, I am familiar with the area and this book presents the real beauty of the mansions of the Ave. The photographs are outstanding and the images are richly presented. The photos are so vivid. My only qualm is that there are not more pictures of the exterior of the houses, that would have made it a five star book. If you enjoy books beautifully presenting gilded age grandeur then you should consider adding this to your collection.

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