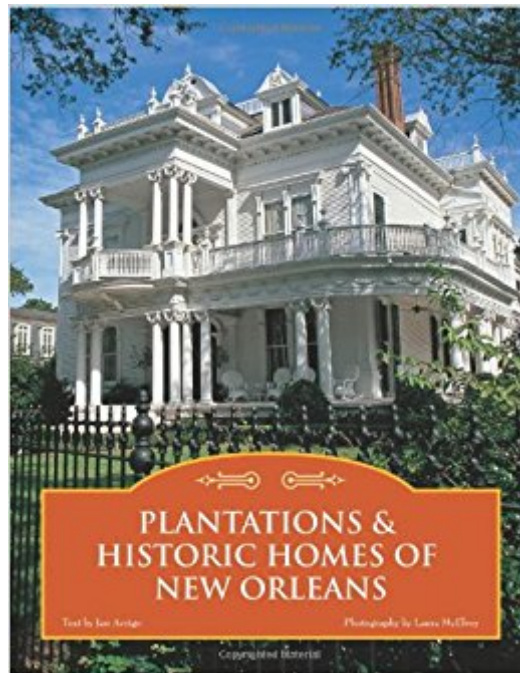




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Plantations & Historic Homes Of New Orleans



Synopsis

Hurricane Katrina ravaged much of New Orleans in 2005, but thankfully the city's most treasured historic homes survived. *Plantations & Historic Homes of New Orleans* is a poignant tribute of these storied mansions, whose architectural beauty brings a unique flair to the Big Easy's most famous neighborhoods. From the French Quarter and Garden District to Uptown, Marigny, and Bayou St. John, many of New Orleans's grandest old homes and nearby plantations are featured in this book, showcasing the massive brick columns, intricate cast-iron balconies, wide verandas, sumptuous parlors, and humble servants quarters that give this area its charm. Open these pages and you'll travel to Destrehan, the oldest plantation house in the Mississippi Valley, originally built of hand-hewn bald cypress timber using briquette entrepateaux, mud (clay, river sand, and Spanish moss) between post; the homes artist Edgar Degas and author William Faulkner lived in during their New Orleans stays; and the 1850 House located in the Lower Pontalba building on Jackson Square. Learn about the building's namesake, a baroness with a tumultuous family life who managed to escape murder and was also responsible for building the American embassy in Paris. With lavish photographs of exteriors and rooms of special interest, gardens and curiosities, and detailed information about New Orleans's diverse architecture and history, this book is both a perfect guide for visitors and natives alike and an enchanting visual tour of one of the greatest cities in the United States.

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This photographic tour of the historic homes and plantations of New Orleans takes you to the city's most storied mansions in the famed Garden District, Uptown, Marigny, and the French Quarter, as well as to notable others on the outskirts. With photographs of exteriors and rooms of special interest, gardens and curiosities, and with notes about architecture and history, this book is both a genial guide for the visitor and an enchanting visual tour in its own right. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Plantations & Historic Homes of New Orleans celebrates the grand homes and plantations of the Big Easy that largely escaped the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina and survive as testament to this city's rich and colorful history. Since the 1700s, a blend of peoples' Native American, French, Creole, Spanish, Caribbean, and West African has called New Orleans home. As a result, the architectural styles showcased in the city's homes are as diverse as the population that's lived here over the years. The Spanish-influenced garden courtyards and cast-iron balconies in the French Quarter are a stark contrast to the massive Greek revival brick columns and Victorian turrets found in homes in the Garden District and Uptown. The opulent parlors of an Old South plantation home are offset by the sparsely furnished servant's quarters nearby. Inside these pages, many of New Orleans' most storied homes are profiled from the Old Ursuline Convent and Madame John's Legacy, survivors of the city's devastating 1788 fire, to Longue Vue House and Gardens, an elaborate fountain-filled estate completed in 1943. With lavish photographs of exteriors and rooms of special interest, gardens and curiosities, and detailed information about New Orleans' diverse architecture and history, this book is a perfect guide to some of the most fascinating homes in the United States' most unique city.

This book is a severe disappointment, and what is dilapidated are none of the pictured selections but the creative imagination that envisioned such a paltry display of the city's beautiful homes. Its focus is almost exclusively the French Quarter, with the jacket photograph misleading the purchaser into thinking that magnificent estates bordering St Charles Ave would be featured or at least included. Instead, historic relics of a bygone era, interesting in themselves, stand alone without any of their more recent cousins (50-100 years). Hardly one of the splendid Garden District homes is included, and the alleged "plantations" of New Orleans are such as Burnside, along the river road and some distance from the city's precincts. Instead of becoming a Christmas gift, as intended, this tome will be tossed in the trash, unworthy of any current or former New Orleanian. - Ernest Carrere

great book beautiful photos

I love it love the history of these mansions architecture though their origin was a tragic episode of our history it does not take away the beauty of these homes. So happy some of them have been saved after losing so many after the civil war.

I love visiting plantations in this area, even if only in books! Ha! This is a very nice and informative book. A good book for the collector.

I enjoyed this book. The pictures of the homes are large and plentiful. The text is informative and descriptive. I live in a home named in the section on historic homes and was surprised to see it mentioned.

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This is a great book for those who wish to see what New Orleans really looks like. A must have for all who have visited, plan to visit, or love New Orleans. I'd highly recommend this book.

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