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The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings



Synopsis

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Nice book for architecture fans

Very professional and amazing.

The book is everything I'd hope it would be. The written narrative on details is wonderful. The pictures are spectacular! Worth the price.

A truly remarkable tome of great Chicago landmarks!

Perfect Christmas Gift.

Fabulous, absolutely fabulous. So often we walk through the city and admire the architecture. This book highlights and provides a view of the interiors' hidden treasures.

This book is extraordinary in the photographs and writing. My husband had heard about this book and asked our local library to purchase a copy. Turns out they had already ordered it and he was the first to check it out. I started looking through it and tears came to my eyes seeing such strikingly beautiful images of our wonderful Chicago architecture. I immediately asked my husband to get this book for me for Christmas which he did. I also gave a copy to a friend as a gift. I deeply appreciate both the writer's and the photographer's talent in making this extraordinary treasure.

This is a beautiful book. The photography is excellent and there is just enough writing about each entry to satisfy your curiosity. I especially like the fact that it covers a broad array of buildings, i.e., commercial buildings, houses of worship, private residences, etc. The quality of the paper is also excellent. It makes me want to handle the book with care. The total presentation of this book truly makes it a work of art. It was worth every penny.

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