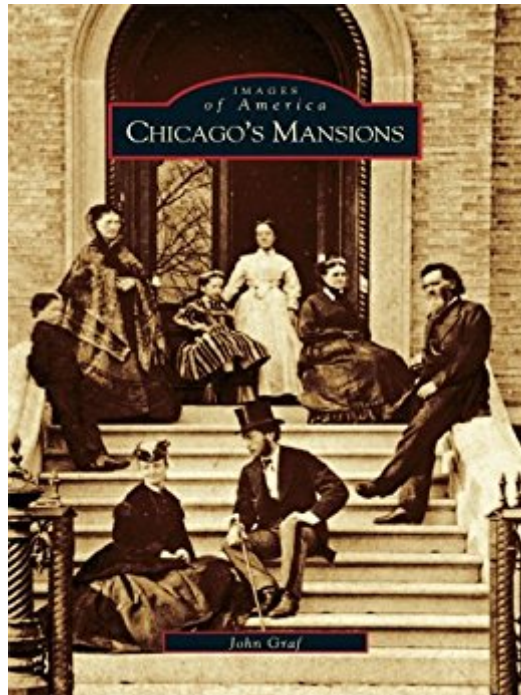




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Synopsis

Chicago is known throughout the world for its architecture. Although many people are familiar with the city's skyscrapers and public buildings, they often overlook or are unaware of Chicago's mansions that are located throughout the city. These mansions represent Chicago's past and its future, and it can even be said that they are the very embodiment of Chicago and its architecture. These fashionable residences were built to make a statement, and what better way to have done this than to employ the leading architects of the time to design them. These architects included men such as Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, Henry Hobson Richardson, Daniel Burnham, and John Wellborn Root. While the city's mansions are significant because of who built them, they are just as important because of who lived in them. Many of these mansions were built for Chicago's elite businessmen and captains of industry-men who represented old money, new money and big money. Just as important were the families of these men and the other residents who came to live in these mansions-for they left a legacy of their own that contributed to the city's history.

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Customer Reviews

Incredible photos of long gone and sadly lost mansions in Chicago. Hard to imagine that such grand houses once existed in this City. Loved every page of this book and anyone who appreciates grand mansions and the Gilded Age era will revel in this fine book. Most poignant is the incredible waste in tearing down these marvels of artistic accomplishments that reflected workmanship, craftsmanship and imagination such as we will never see again.

Great photos of many of the mansions that were demolished in the name progress. I would have liked to have a little more detail on each mansion, but there was good information on the original owner and the architects who designed them.

I would wish for more inside photos and floor plans- these books need a volume 2! Chicago continues to have real treasures on those streets!

So interesting. I wonder how many people living in Chicago know about these places, people, etc.

enjoyed the book and all the pictures. This is my favorite time in Chicago history and the mansions were fabulous.

Excellent

Very nice and interesting. A good book if you know nothing or a lot about Chicago history. A nice insight to the goings on of the times.

Good book and the only way to see many of the mansions! I used Google to search for more recent photos of existing homes. Very unfortunate that many are gone!

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