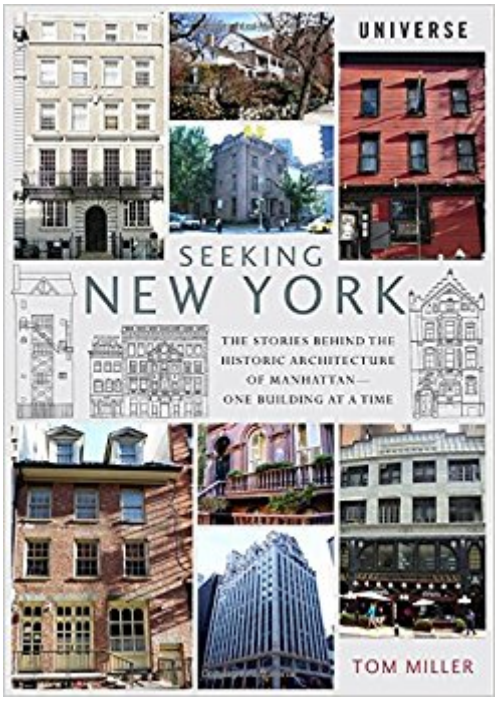
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Seeking New York: The Stories Behind The Historic Architecture Of Manhattan--One Building At A Time



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Synopsis

Beautifully illustrated with line drawings and photographs, engagingly presented, and richly detailed, this charming guide traces the architectural and social history of Manhattan one building at a time. The island of Manhattan has been through remarkable architectural and social change throughout its history. Organized roughly by neighborhoods, this book explores the seemingly never-ending depths of architectural, personal, and social history of Manhattan, building by building. Follow the family feud that led to the construction of the luxurious Waldorf Astoria, or trace the decay of a once proud home to an increasingly humble storefront, delving into the surprising, sometimes scandalous, often touching stories of the people who lived there along the way. Alongside the details about each architect, dates, and styles, author Tom Miller reveals the joys, tragedies, and scandals of those who lived within. In addition to iconic structures, the book includes many off-the-beaten-path buildings that most guidebooks overlook, as well as notable buildings that no longer stand but remain key to ManhattanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s architectural history. Beautifully researched, engagingly presented, and richly detailed, Seeking New York is truly a must-read for anyone interested in the story of New York and how it got that way.

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Customer Reviews

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Tom Miller moved to New York City in 1979 from Dayton, Ohio, bringing with him a passion for buildings. He currently holds the rank of deputy inspector within the NYPDÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Auxiliary

Police Force. In 2009 he started a blog, Daytonian in Manhattan, which has now reviewed over a thousand buildings, statues, and other points of interest.

(No, I am NOT Tom Miller's Mom!) I have loved Tom's blog "Daytonian in New York" ever since I discovered it a few years ago. He has the most wonderful write-ups and fabulous photos of probably thousands of buildings around Manhattan, mostly all residential. Anyone who says, NYC is all built up and modernized and nothing of old NY is left any more is .... WRONG. Just go to the blog and sample the gems he writes about , a new one every day (except Sunday.) Amazing work. Then you will be inspired to BUY this book.The book is divided into sections, by neighborhood and covers a lot of ground. Each entry tells when the building was built and details about its creation. Then the writing goes on to explore ANY tidbit, the juicier the better, connected with the place. Some houses have a riches-to-rags story going from high society dinners and fancy weddings, to a second life as a boarding house or apartments. Then the stories are often fantastic, burglars, suicides, clever criminals, dumb suitors, fires, bad renovations ... anything that happened at that address. It's all so fascinating and well written. The accompanying photos are a real treat and give details of the structure you could never see by just glancing at the building. They really are quite surprising in the care they are executed with. And, like I said, every day a new one.Ok, so that was about the blog, but the book is a really nice reproduction of (only) 50 of the pieces from it. It fits nicely in your hand, the photos are well done and the book is clearly organized. If you like NYC history, current architecture (these are buildings that STILL exist - well, mostly, some are sadly labelled 'lost') interesting stories and excellent photography you will like this book!

Got this as a gift for my husband for Xmas, and it's been a huge hit. He is loving the stories as well as the architecture -- well written and seems to be well researched. Very entertaining, offers a lot of insight into the history and evolution of modern city life in general and New York in particular. Really great for someone who has a strong interest in urban and economic development.

Charming and quirky guide to some of the lesser known architectural treasures of New York City -- and lesser known stories about some of the famous buildings. The text is well written and informative, and the line drawings that accompany each entry are delightful.

I stumbled on this book quite by accident after seeing mention of a blog that sounded interesting--"Daytonian in Manhattan." Ilive in the South but find architecture anywhere in this

country fascinating, and this book showcases New York architecture to a fare-the-well.The book is divided into neighborhoods but no matter----it is one of those books one can pick up and read several chaptersabout the architecture and the wonderful backstories behind the buildings----put the book down and then pick it up when one hasa yen for more architecture.It is amazing that one person, the author Tom Miller, could have amassed all this wonderful history of NY, and might I add that the photography is outstanding also. Even though the theme is NY architecture, believe me this book would "play in Peoria" or anyother city for those who love historic buildings.

Fascinating stories of NY City buildings. It’s a small book and easy to take with me when I walk around neighborhoods in the city.

Beautiful. Fun. Interesting. Informative. Historical. Inspirational. And it whetted my appetite for more! High quality pages. You must get this lovely book. You will not regret it.

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