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Savannah's Monuments: The Untold Stories



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Synopsis

Learn the histories and behind-closed-door chronicles of 69 monuments in Savannah, Georgia. These shrines commemorate the Southern cityÃ¢â ¬â„¢s people and events, celebrating sculptors and heroes, SavannahÃ¢â ¬â„¢s contributions to AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s wars, and its economic and innovative legacy. Discover various ethnic groups who have contributed to the cityÃ¢â ¬â„¢s history through monuments such as the Jewish Burial Ground Marker, where people still lay pebbles to honor those who have passed before them. Stories are shared in an accessible, conversational, and engaging manner, with attention to historical detail, and are accompanied by more than 180 images. Use the included tour maps to enhance these accounts as you wander the beautiful squares, parks, and boulevards of Savannah and appreciate the Ã¢â ¬Å“coastal empireÃ¢â ¬Â• in a way you never have before.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Freeman has been studying and lecturing about SavannahÃ¢â ¬â„¢s monuments for over five years. He holds a BA in history and an M.Div. in religion.

This is a wonderfully written book. It tells quite a bit of "hidden" Savannah history through the stories of the city’s monuments. And the written word is not boring--it moves the reader along.I hope I don’t sound nit-picking, but there are some errors. One caption has The Sgt. Jasper monument in Monterey Square when it is in Madison Square and Isaiah Davenport was definitely not a shipbuilder. He built the stately Federal-style house on Columbia Square and went on to build a

dwelling on every square that had been laid out in Savannah before he died at 43. There are several other history points that are questionable, but I don't want to be too negative about the book. I did learn a lot and that's important. And, for the most part, a visitor to Savannah will certainly come away with some entertaining historical facts.

"Savannah's Monuments" is meticulously researched, beautifully illustrated, and written in a lively, scholarly-yet-approachable voice. Freeman offers an excellent in-depth assessment of the many meanings behind Savannah's public monuments, drawing attention to "hidden" histories and lesser-known narratives. This text is recommended for visitors to Savannah, locals, and university history classes. As a college professor and Savannah resident, I assign "Savannah's Monuments" to my students and also suggest it to friends and tourists.

Freeman's book weaves the essence of place with the intellect of the mind and the heart of a Savannah resident. His meditative journey through the monuments of Savannah meld the hidden stories of the visible in front of our eyes with that which is not yet seen. This gem is easily readable and lovely for a coffee table not to mention a must read before visiting Savannah or for those in Savannah.

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