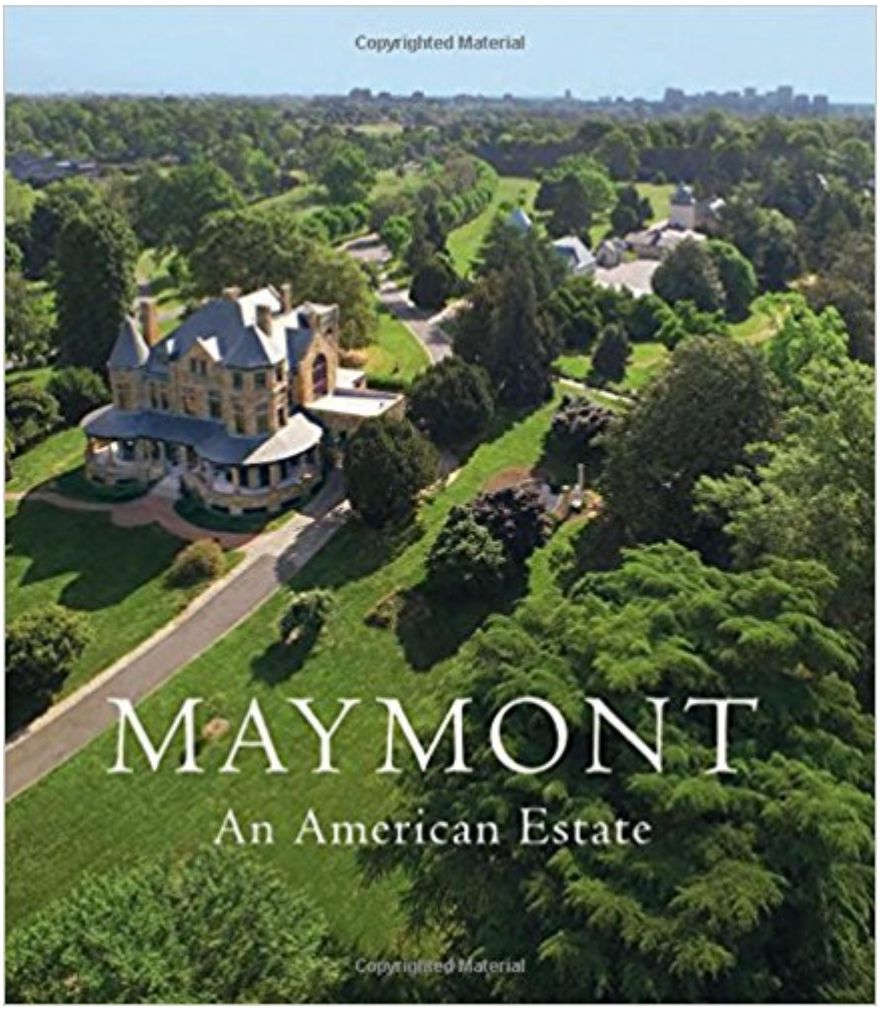
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Synopsis

i>i>Duringthe Gilded Age of the late 1880s through the 1910sÃ¢â ¬â ¢the era of Carnegie,Rockefeller, and VanderbiltÃ¢â ¬â ¢American millionaires displayed their prosperity bybuilding and decorating impressive homes. In 1893 Richmond-born financier JamesHenry Dooley and his wife, Sallie May Dooley, added to those prestigiousresidences with their 100-acre country estate, Maymont. The Dooleys spent threedecades filling its sumptuous interiors with treasures from around the worldand establishing Maymont's magnificent gardens, landscape, and architecture.They bequeathed Maymont, completely intact, to the City of Richmond for its useas a public museum and park. Today, Maymont stands out as an unusually completeexample of a Gilded Age estate. The residence, gardens, and grounds remain verymuch as they were during the Dooleys' years, while the restored servant areaspresent the upstairs-downstairs lifestyle of the times. This lavishly illustrated and elegantly designed volume introduces the opulentestate of Maymont to all those who are interested in the history and grandeurof the Gilded Age in the United States.

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Customer Reviews

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I live in Richmond and go to Maymont often. I have toured the mansion twice at Christmas. This book is wonderful. Lots of info about the estate and the owners who donated it to the city and tons

of great pictures! I got it for my Mom for Christmas, but fell in love with it and have ordered one for myself!

I’m from Richmond and love vising Maymont so I sent this book to my grandmother to share it with her. She loved the information provided and of course the gorgeous photos.

Beautiful book. Our family has spent many Sundays at Maymont Park over the past 50 years. I will treasure the book.

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