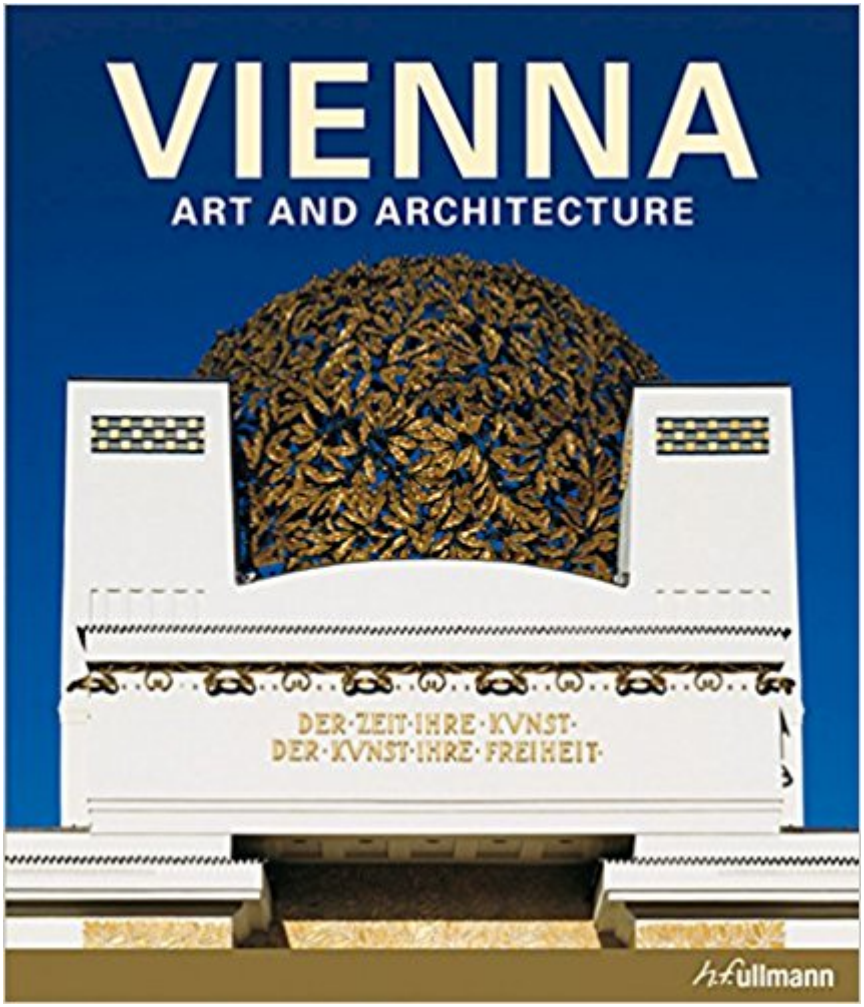
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Synopsis

Vienna presents a comprehensive, richly illustrated insight into the art treasures of the Danube metropolis. The main focus is on the Baroque era with its magnificent church buildings and palaces including the Hofburg, SchÃƒÂ¶nbrunn, and Belvedere; historicism with its architectural highlights on the new Ringstrasse; and Viennese art nouveau including artists Gustav Klimt and Oskar Kokoschka, the Wiener WerkstÃƒÂ¤tte und Sezession. Well-founded essays on the beginnings of the history of art in Vienna and on the state of contemporary Viennese art round off the book.

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Customer Reviews

Cologne-based photographer Achim Bednorz has specialized in photographing sacred places. The principle behind his method of interpretation is simple: to get as close to reality as possible. This means presenting the object in well balanced directed light, making the object recognizable as if in ideal circumstances, and foregoing any special effects.

Rolf Toman has worked as an independent art publisher for various international publishing houses for several decades. He authored and edited many acclaimed publications on art history and spirituality.

This is a great book for the price. It could easily have been produced in a little larger format and been selling at three times the amount. There’s a lot covered in this volume - everything from the Middle Ages to the present. The material is presented in chronological order covering the

architecture, art and sculpture of each period.The architectural photography is simply stunning. Which is to be expected given that Achim Bednorz was the responsible party. He is definitely in a league of his own. The fine arts are given their due as well. An extensive and well chosen selection of the best art work associated with this grand European city is interspersed throughout.I was very pleased with this purchase, it exceed my expectations. The book is well produced and the images were all of the highest quality - not a grainy or washed out illustration in the lot. The page stock was a little on the light side but given the fact there were over 450 of them it’s understandable.Ullmann has presented an informative and awe-inspiring tour of Vienna for the cost of a couple of movie tickets. I am finding this publisher’s titles are taking up more and more space on my over stuffed book shelves.

This was a gift for a friend who had lived and worked in Vienna for several years. Both she and her husband enjoyed the book very much.

This book surprised me because I have four of the other Art and Architecture books and they are little chunky things. This must be from a different publisher. Anyway, it’s very informative and has tons of photographs (why wouldn’t it?); I have perused it, but not thoroughly. These books are as interesting because of their ’history’ coverage, as for their pictures of buildings and artworks. I plan on getting a couple of others, possibly in the same series; I think there is one on Andalusia, the Louvre and Berlin...? For those who still want to hold a book in their hands and turn paper pages, I definitely recommend this one, and the others!

This beautifully illustrated book documents Vienna art and architecture from antiquity to the present day with illustrations and text. The photographs are outstanding.

Beautiful pictures and very informative. Very good value!

A wonderful picture book.

I spent a week in Vienna this summer. Being that I did the whole backpacking thing- bringing back books was not an option. Last week I was in an art museum and came across this incredible book.What initially attracted me to Vienna- was not its art, nor its architecture, it was its place in the history of music, and what a place that was. However, Vienna, along with Berlin and Prague,

opened my eyes to the timeless beauty of both art and architecture of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.Vienna is a true gem of this world, and this book illustrates that perfectly. This is truly a wonderful find.Vienna: Art and Architecture is packed to the hilt with beautiful photos. As well, it is packed to the hilt with informational text, which is equally important. This book is informative and educational, but in written text and photos.The book focuses on the beautiful buildings that fill the streets of Vienna, as well as the public places, and the art housed within these buildings and on Vienna's streets. It covers from the Renaissance to the present.This book really takes you on a trip through Vienna's history, going beyond art and architecture. It's an amazing history from the height of Hapsburg power through its demise and beyond.Furthermore, there are tons of photographs within this book that the public otherwise doesn't get to see, such as the great collection in the gallery of the Belvedere Palace- which wasn't open to the public when I was there - to the wonderful art attached to the walls of Schonbrunn Palace. Much of which is not open to the public.If you're looking for historical books on Vienna, you can find better. However, if you are looking for pictorial books on Vienna- you aren't likely to find much on this level. It is beautifully done.A well mix of beauty and information.FIVE STARS!

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