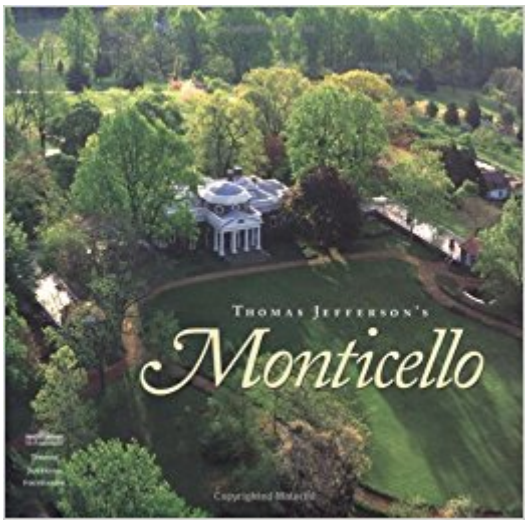
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Synopsis

Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s mountaintop home in Charlottesville, Virginia, has attracted public attention ever since Jefferson’s own day, when sightseers regularly visited the grounds in the hope of catching a glimpse of the former president. In our own day, Monticello has been added to the United Nation’ list of World Heritage Sites that must be protected at all costs, designating the house and grounds as an international treasure. Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello is a collection of essays and color photography showcasing this extraordinary American home. Featuring essays written by scholars at Monticello, chapters focus on all aspects of the house and plantation. Monticello, a model of elegance and symmetry, was designed by Jefferson himself, whose architectural prowess prompted a visitor in 1782 to note: "Mr. Jefferson is the first American who has consulted the Fine Arts to know how he should shelter himself from the weather." Inside, Jefferson assembled a world-class collection of objects and furnishings: art and porcelain from France, scientific instruments from England, the finest American furniture from Philadelphia and New York, natural artifacts brought back from the West, as well as furnishings made in Monticello’s own joinery by enslaved craftsmen. Surrounding the house, Monticello’s celebrated gardens and grounds form an experimental yet breathtakingly lovely landscape of flowers, fruits, and vegetables from the Old and New Worlds. A final chapter on the plantation and the enslaved community at Monticello provides a context in which to place and understand the house and its owner.With an introductory essay by Wendell Garrett, this compilation is a comprehensive, long-awaited study of Thomas Jefferson’s "little mountain."

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The pictures taken over the four seasons depicting Monticello are absolutely beautiful and if you are a lover of history and Thomas Jefferson in particluar this is a must have book. If you have never been to Monticello it will no doubt inspire you to go and if you have been it will bring back fond memories each time you review it.

No need to keep Monticello in memory alone! Return home to Monticello with this exquisitely

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The book came in a timely basis and it was in good shape. The book give a lot of good information on Monticello. I liked the pictures of the inside since you are not allowed to take pictures inside Monticello on tours.

Beautifully photographed book along with plenty of information on one of the most important historical structures in America. Much more than a "coffee table" book. I suggest it along with the book "Thomas Jefferson--the Art of Power."

I have been a fan, for lack of a better word, of Thomas Jefferson for many years. He was a remarkable statesman, planter, architect and a brilliant mind. The book not only shows the reader Monticello in great pictures and text, it also reveals a good deal about Thomas Jefferson himself and the world in which he lived.

I bought this book as a present to a German friend, who is an avid Jefferson fan. Even though he will have some difficulty reading the text, he was thrilled by the photographs and details about Monticello and its surroundings. It is a volume both serious Jefferson scholars and lay people can enjoy.

I loved this book. the photographs are beautiful. Great look into the life of our President Thomas Jefferson. Excellent condition . Book in condition mas stated by the seller Quick delivery. Thank you. It will sit on me coffee table.

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