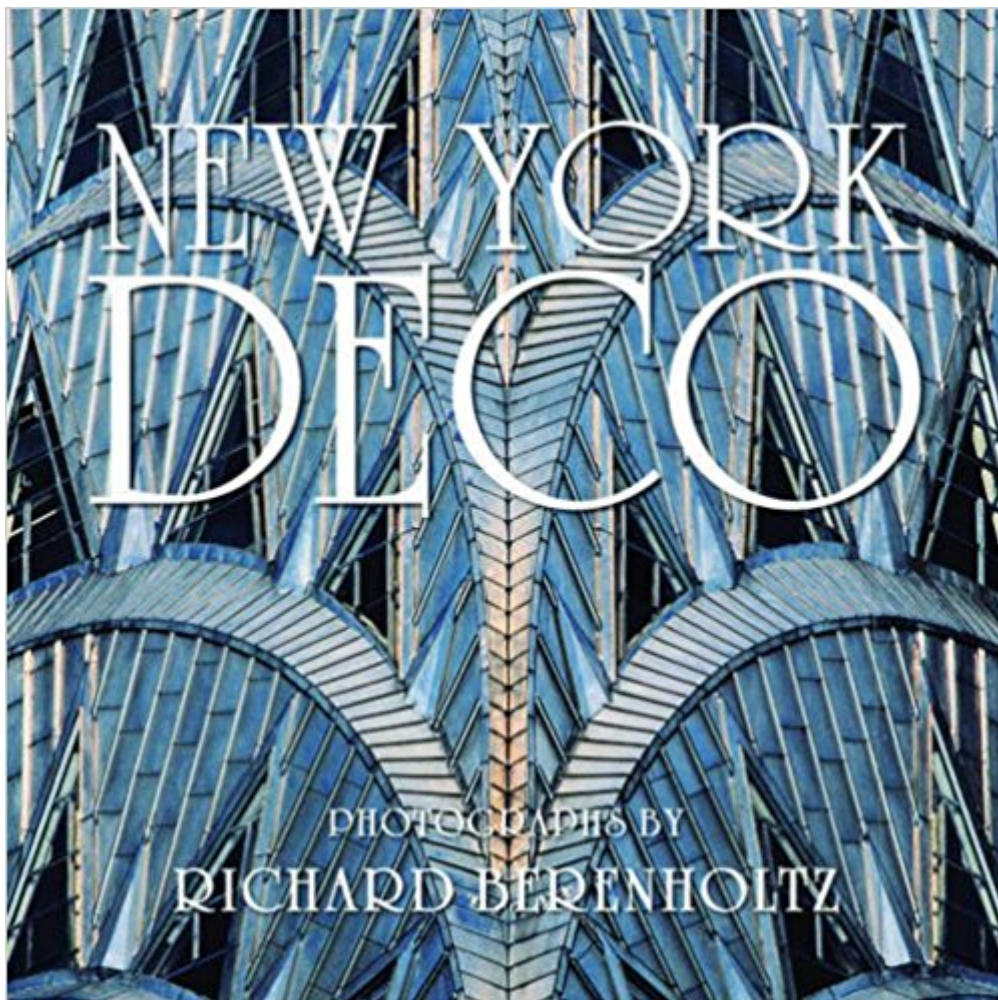


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New York Deco



Synopsis

New York Deco profiles the architecture of the city during its most stylish and dazzling decades: the 1920s and early 1930s. New York City landmarks were born in this age - the Chrysler Building, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, and the Waldorf-Astoria - as well as dozens of lesser-known office buildings and apartment houses. Together, they make the skyline of New York what it is today. Richard Berenholtz's stunning photographs of the finest examples of New York City's art deco architecture are accompanied by text from writers, artists, and personalities of the era, including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Dorothy Parker, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Ogden Nash, and Frank Lloyd Wright, among others.

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Customer Reviews

New York's most obvious examples of the streamlined architectural style-the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building and Rockefeller Center-figure prominently in this book, but it's the less notorious buildings and the attention given to architectural details that shine brightest in this paean to old Gotham. Evoking the emotional appeal of interiors, Berenholtz captures the scintillating gold mosaics within the reception hall of the Irving Trust Building. An added enticement is the inclusion of lesser known landmarks that will be familiar to careful observers of late twentieth cinematography: The Lenox Lounge once played host to jazz greats Billie Holiday and John Coltrane and was featured in Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*; Scorsese buffs will recognize the gritty glamour of the Airline Diner from *Goodfellas*. Because of the book's diminutive size, some studies, most notably of

Rockefeller Center and the Empire State Building, aren't as powerful as they could be, but interiors and exterior bric-a-brac, often overlooked in New York architecture books, take center stage here.

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"...Photographer Richard Berenholtz provides photographs of Manhattan's most stylish and dazzling period: the 1920s and 1930s. Carol Willis, architectural historian, writes in the introduction that the Art Deco style was characterized by geometric ornamentation and 'machine-tooled elegance and sleek lines.' ...Berenholtz captures the skyline in the glimmering orange of sunrise and kaleidoscopic lights of sunset. Many photographs are complemented by quotations from people such as capitalist Ayn Rand: 'The skyline of New York is a monument of splendor that no pyramids or palaces will ever equal or approach.'"Foreword Magazine"Now available in a compact and indubitably affordable edition, New York Deco is a collection of Richard Berenholtz's full-color photography showcasing some of New York's most outstanding art deco architecture. Brief text captions and the occasional quote enhance this stunning collection that is surely the next best thing to touring New York's grandiosity in person. A treat for art deco fans, and the perfect souvenir for an unforgettable New York vacation, New York Deco is highly recommended."Library Bookwatch

This is a collage of pictures, not an actual, readable book. This is a bit disappointing; but the pictures themselves are outstanding, and for that reason the book is recommended for those who are into architecture, and New York. For those who are not residents of New York City, it provides vast numbers of ideas for things to see on a next trip!

If you ever visited New York City and took an interest in those old remnant of a bygone age to be found in the buildings of Manhattan, then this book is for you! there's more to Art Deco than this book covers (graphic art, illustration, fashion, etc.), but it's nicely focused on the one part of it all I am interested in. If there's room to quibble here, it's that it's a rather SMALL book, when you really want something more fully coffee-table sized. And, a bit pricey as a result of its smallness. But, all in all, quite satisfactory!

This is a lovely coffee table book with excellent color photographs. Art Deco lends itself well to this sort of treatment as there were no particularly outstanding primar donnas of the style. The style was meant to be highly visual and lacking in subtlety. Thus, photography such as this serves as an

excellent medium for conveying the content of the style.

Bought as a gift but I had to leaf through it first. Great photos and the accompanying text is a good addition. A cool coffee table book to have for any lover of Deco, NYC, or architecture in general

This is amazing. I love it. I am so fascinated with the artDeco period and New Yorks buildings. Especially the Chrysler Building. I have never been to New York, so I just have to have books and read about it and see it on TV shows.

To put it simply, beautiful photographs capturing the essence of NYC Art Deco, complemented by descriptions and vivid image-provoking quotes. A must-buy for any fan. The day I received it I read every word and even took notes for my upcoming NYC trip... Take note of the smaller, approx. 6x6 in. size of this book, it is not the typical coffee-table book size. My only complaint would be that it is not larger. Highly recommended and a great bargain.

Love Art Deco, love NY, love the book and the price. Double the price if you buy in the UK.

A great approach to seeing the New York Deco that might otherwise be unavailable due to ones location, lack of time while in NYC or just the fact that so many places are now off limits due to overt security paranoia.

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