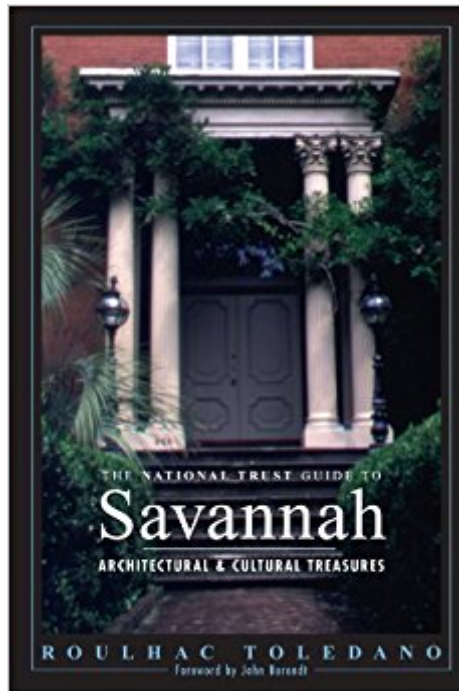




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The definitive guide to the architectural treasures of one of North America's urban masterpieces "Savannah's twenty-two squares are its treasures the other main attraction: its architectural gems. The sheer number of distinguished buildings is astonishing for a city of Savannah's size." John Berendt, from the Foreword The National Trust Guide to Savannah takes you on an illustrated walking tour through the breathtakingly gorgeous squares and neighborhoods of one of North America's most beautiful cities. Pausing along the way to linger over this or that point of architectural interest, Roulhac Toledano pieces together the history of the city, from when it was little more than a plan on founder James Edward Oglethorpe's drawing board through the groundbreaking preservation work of the 1950s. With the help of more than 200 historic and contemporary photographs, Toledano provides vivid impressions of the city, and takes you to the outlying areas of the Sea Islands and salt marshes, the plantations of Chatham County, and nearby river villages. For those planning a visit, The National Trust Guide to Savannah supplies an extensive guide to Savannah's museums, lodgings, restaurants, bookstores, antique shops, and other points of interest.

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Customer Reviews

This brief but informative guide to the historical legacies of architecture in Savannah is thorough and intriguing. In addition to a street address alphabetized index with descriptions and anecdotes, it includes maps, black & white photos, historical illustrations, and everything needed to plan the ideal set of self guided walking tours of Savannah. There are also many suggested books for additional

reading in the last chapter titled "Receipts, Good Eats, Lodging, Antiques and Books". In addition, a great deal of history is woven into the descriptions and anecdotes. The chapter on "250 Years of Architecture and History Enjoyed by Famous Visitors" is particularly engaging. The role of women in preserving and protecting the heritage of Savannah is crucial, as emphasized in the chapter titled "Four Marys and More: Women Developers and Preservers". The only slight improvement to be suggested for the book would add to its quite reasonable costs, that is, to add the element of color to the many exquisite photographs of houses, buildings and paintings. On second thought, it may be more conducive to tours of Savannah by the readership, since both the photos and the description are both appealing and beautiful. In all, a highly recommended, well researched definitive guide to a truly unique city. -- Midwest Book Review

This beautifully illustrated guidebook takes readers on an architectural, cultural and historical journey through Savannah's squares, neighborhoods and environments. It offers a comprehensive exploration of Savannah's many architectural styles - Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Gothic and Eclectic - and features more than 200 historic and contemporary photographs, as well as quotes from well-known people who have visited the city. It also provides Savannah's museums, lodgings, restaurants, bookstores, antique shops, and other points of interest.

A very good study, but I agree that the b/w photos provide less than exuberant views of the described architecture. Repeat detailed block maps would be helpful as each is reviewed throughout the chapters. I kept referring to the vague master map.

Great book. Gives one a great appreciation of beautiful Savannah. It also demonstrates the value of the city's architectural treasures and the important preservation movement.

This was a lovely book that gave interesting and valuable information!!! It will be great to review while there vacationing!!!

Will help me when I tour Savannah in September.

Information-packed and well-compiled book about Savannah, Georgia, places to go, things to do, and so much more.

I've never written a review on before, but this book drags me to the task. The book is very well written with beautifully composed essays on the history of Savannah and its preservation. It is not, however, an architectural guide book as one would expect from the title. To be sure, the book provides historical and architectural descriptions of various buildings in the city but fails to provide that information in an easy-to-use format. There are no maps which key descriptions to locations. If one happens to find a building to read the description, it would be logical that a description of the adjacent building would follow. This is typically not the case. Sometimes the next description is of a building across the street or even the square. Then back again in a haphazard, higgledipiggledy fashion. In a similar way, one section of the city is not followed by an adjacent section. Instead, the "guide" sends you to a square on the other side of town without explanation or apology. The unnecessary frustration caused by this book could easily be corrected with maps and a numbering system. Without these features, the book is maddening at best and useless at worst. Buyer be ware.

This book is full of interesting information on this uniquely southern city. The text is scholarly and indepth and many entries are accompanied with an image. If you are going to Savannah or have ever been interested in this singular city then I highly recommend this book to you and by all means bring it with you on your trip.

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