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St. Louis: Landmarks And Historic Districts



Synopsis

Originally published in 1988, St. Louis: Landmarks and Historic Districts is back in print and greatly expanded and revised. With updated information and more contemporary and historic photos of the city, this user-friendly guidebook is still the first and only of its kind. St. Louis:Landmarks and Historic Districts is the foremost resource on the city's sites, buildings and districts officially designated by the City of St. Louis or the National Register of Historic Places. Designed by Paradowski Graphic Design, this richly illustrated edition features a special open-flat binding and 12 full-color, full-page images introducing each chapter. The book contains detailed maps & more than 450 color and black & white photos. Available through Virginia Publishing Co., St. Louis, MO. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a nice architectural catalog of structures (and districts) which have official landmark status on either local or national registers. The buildings are lovely, and the book does a nice job of presenting the rich architectural ensemble of St. Louis. Since the publication date is 2002, almost all of the structures included in the book are still standing today. There is a short chapter at the end of the book dedicated to lost landmarks, but it is surprisingly short. Enormously destructive "renewal" projects of the 1950s and 1960s galvanized the preservation community in St. Louis into one of the country's strongest. The major problem is the photography. This book contains no native photography: All of the photographs are from archival sources and are monochrome. Many are of questionable quality, even for pragmatic illustrative purposes. Some readers may like the historic images, but I prefer modern images of artistic quality. Coverage is strictly limited to the city limits of St. Louis, but (on the plus side) this book gives a much more extensive survey of the important (and often forgotten) North Side than does the AIA Guide by McCue and Peters. Recommended for architectural historians and lovers of old St. Louis.

This is a great book for architects, historians, historic preservationists, St. Louisans and anyone who loves history and buildings. The book is loaded with historic photos--several per page--and interesting tidbits about the buildings and the history of St. Louis. I owned the first edition, but this one is about twice the size, has been redesigned with easily four times as many photos and more in-depth information about the city and the buildings.

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