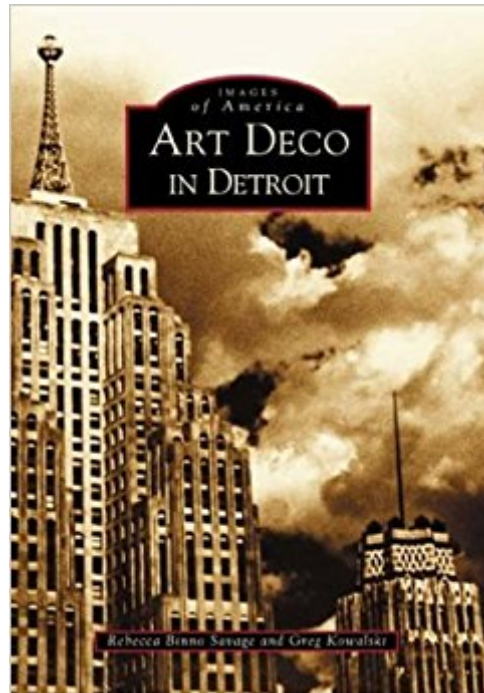




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Art Deco In Detroit (Images Of America)



Synopsis

Since the 1920s, Art Deco, or "The Modern Style," has delighted people with its innovative use of materials and designs that capture the spirit of optimism to create the style of the future. Although the Detroit metro area is primarily known as an industrial region, it boasts some of the finest examples of Art Deco in the country. Art Deco in Detroit explores the wide-ranging variety of these architectural marvels, from world-famous structures like the Fisher and Penobscot Buildings, to commercial buildings, theaters, homes, and churches. Through a panorama of photographs, authors Rebecca Binno Savage and Greg Kowalski take readers on a fascinating tour of this influential movement and its manifestations in and around Detroit. The grandeur evident in some of the major buildings reflects a time when artisans and architects collaborated to craft structures that transcend functionality—they endure as standing works of art.

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Customer Reviews

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Of the many cities embellished architecturally during the period between the Two World Wars of the

twentieth century, Detroit surely had an athletic spurt of growth, with many examples of the architecture now known as Art Deco decorating its downtown landscape. Now, the Arcadia series has put together a volume of views of these many fine buildings into one book, and at a reasonable price. In fact, this is the only volume specifically concerning Detroit Deco that I'm aware of. As such, it's a valuable addition to the collection of anyone interested in American architecture, specifically the Deco period, appreciation of which has risen considerably, even during the past couple of decades. Here are many views of Detroit buildings, some of which no longer exist, making the Arcadia contribution even more valuable, for showing us a world of urban life no longer visible. Deco came and went between two violent world upheavals, then was washed under the sea of Modernism in post-war perceptions, when decoration of any kind was abandoned altogether. Journey back, then, to a world when the urban landscape was considerably more decorative, and sophistication was a trait to be prized.

A+

I had no idea there was so much authentic Art Deco in Detroit! Need tours and a documentary. Need to advertise the architect tours of the fabulous Fisher Building in Chicago!

Purchased for office library. Good addition.

This book was a great buy. We live in the metro Detroit area and were very interested to learn about all of the Art Deco architecture in the area.

Good book, interesting read, but I wish the pictures were in color.

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