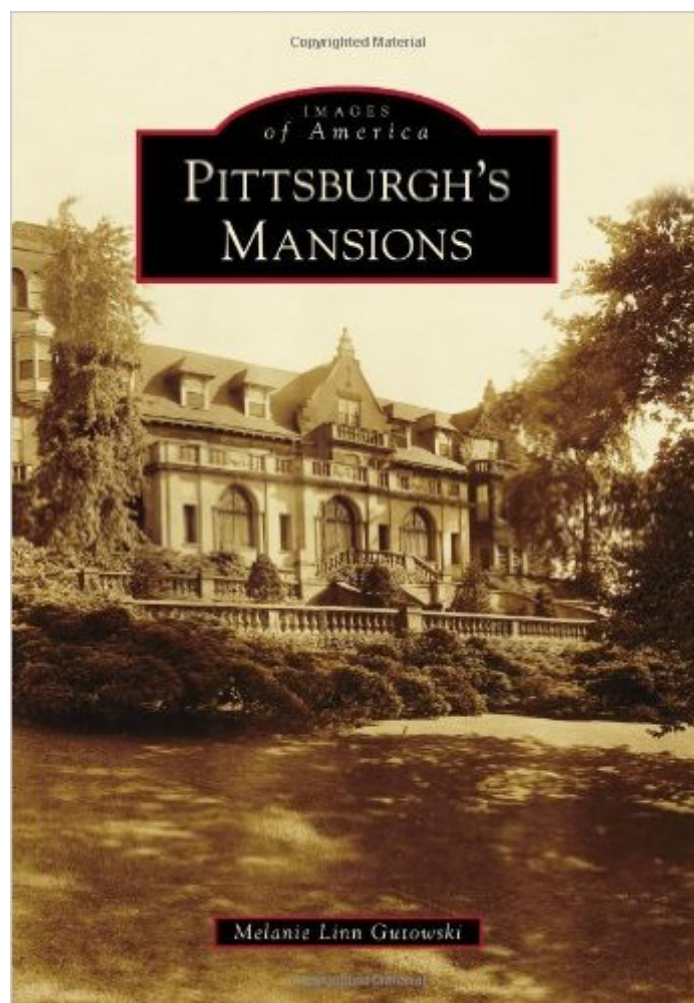


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In the 19th century, the positioning of Pittsburgh as a major manufacturing center and the subsequent rise of the areas steel industry created a wave of prosperity that prompted the beneficiaries of that wealth to construct extravagant residences. Wealthy enclaves sprang up in the city's East End, across the river in neighboring Allegheny City, and into the countryside. Pittsburgh's Mansions explores the stately homes of the area's prominent residents from the 1830s through the 1920s. Businessmen such as H.J. Heinz, Henry Clay Frick, and members of the Mellon family commissioned elaborate homes from the preeminent architects of their day. Firms such as Alden & Harlow, Janssen & Abbott, and Rutan & Russell left their marks on the city's landscape, often contributing iconic public buildings as well as expansive private homes. Though many of the residences have since been lost, Pittsburgh's Mansions offers a look back at the peak of the city's prominence.

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Customer Reviews

Gave Pittsburgh's Mansions to my brother as a Christmas gift. He unwrapped the package and immediately started to read it, ignoring the rest of his gifts. So many of the beautiful old homes featured in the book we knew in our childhood, but they are now gone, victims of progress. He spent an hour going through the book, reminiscing, and mourning the demise of architectural gems. Two days later, he was still talking about the book, so I would say it merits five stars. I recommend it

highly as a gift for a current or ex-Pittsburgher. I plan to download a copy to my Kindle.

Interesting book. I grew up in Pittsburgh and have always been intrigued by the mansions that still remain. What a wonderful way to see what isn't here any more. I would recommend this to anyone with an interest in Pittsburgh.

This book is a walk down the streets of yesteryear! I knew many of these mansions and wish that there had been more in the way of text to go with the photos. At any rate, it was a pleasure to view some of these jewels.

I got this for my dad who is from Pittsburgh and he loved it! His old frat house was featured in the book - he absolutely loved getting this book for Christmas! It's a must for anyone from Pittsburgh!

Ms. Gutowski's book is such a well done book. I absolutely loved it. The pictures are amazing and you can tell how much time and energy she put into it. I liked it so much I bought two copies--I gave one to my cousin for Christmas. He spent the rest of the night completely geeking out over all the pictures. The book is of course more than just pictures. Her prose is excellent throughout. I highly recommend it for anyone who's into Pittsburgh history.

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