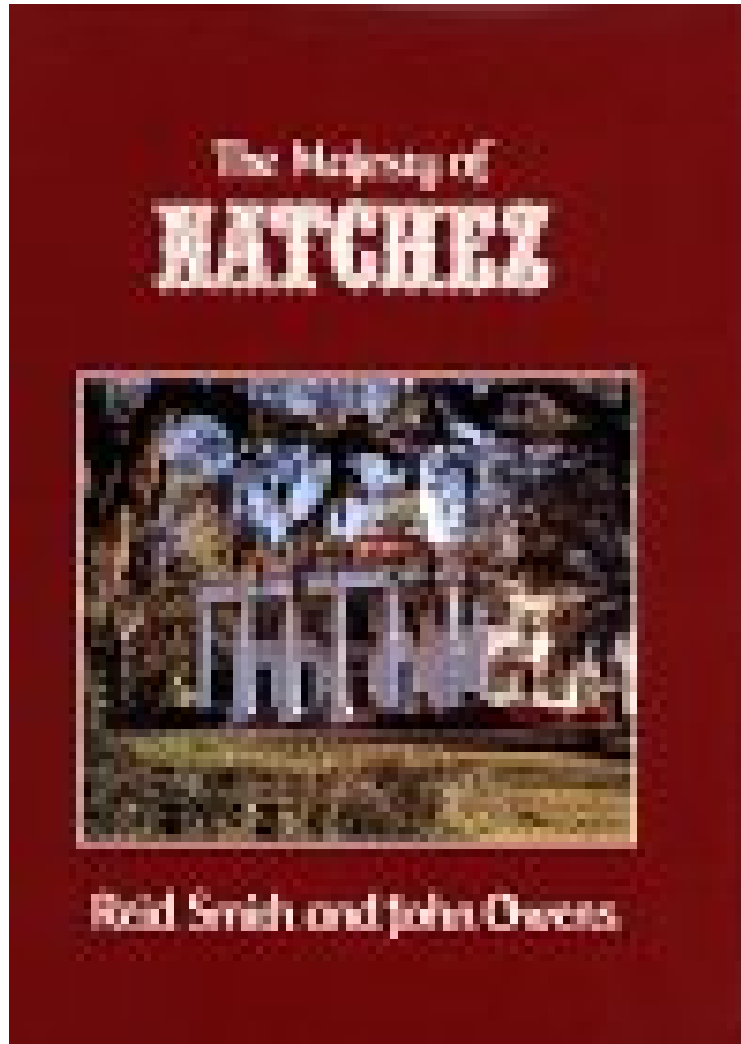


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Reid Smith : The Majesty of Natchez (Majesty Architecture) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Majesty of Natchez (Majesty Architecture):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great addition to your libraryBy TX2StampThis book is a smaller book and would be great to have with you if you are in Natchez and want to see all of the beautiful homes. There is some history written about each home in the book that helps to bring the houses to life. Many of these homes are open to the public for tours through out the year and several homes are open during Pilgrimage. Unfortunately, one of the houses featured, Arlington, although beautiful in the picture in the book, it is now abandoned and decaying which is very sad. I never got to see it as featured in the book but I wish I had. But I am glad that I have this book in my collection so that I know what Arlington once looked like and it was beautiful.1 of 1 people found the following

review helpful. Stunning photos, Wonderful book..By Laura A. BentleyThis is an amazing book.. Gorgeous photos, maps to their general location and a bit of history..The only thing I would suggest is more history on the homes and family's who lived within those gorgeous walls.I would recommend this book in you love antebellum homes..As a matter of fact I did recommend it on Face Book..I can't wait to go back to Natchez now and look some of these elegant Southern ladies up..0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Virginia CookI though it would be more thorough in describing the homes with more photos.

Natchez, Mississippi, attracts thousands of visitors annually. One look through these pages and it is easy to see why. Beautiful exterior shots, rare interior photographs, and moving descriptions capture the essence of one of the largest and best-preserved collections of antebellum architecture in the country. Natchez truly is a living museum. King's Tavern, circa 1789, is believed to be the oldest building in Natchez and still operates as a tavern and restaurant. The stately Greek Revival Stanton Hall occupies an entire city block and is considered one of America's finest house museums. Longwood, the largest octagonal house in the country, stands unfinished today because Northern workers stopped in their tracks and left for home at the outbreak of the Civil War. For those fortunate enough to experience this bastion of the Old South or for those who hope to visit one day, *The Majesty of Natchez* makes the perfect memento or gift book. It presents the grandeur of this quintessential Southern town in all its radiant splendor. Pelican's acclaimed Majesty Series takes detailed looks at the unique architecture of historic cities and geographic areas throughout the South. The nine titles currently in the ever-growing series include Colonial Williamsburg, Savannah, and New Orleans.

From the Inside FlapAlong the banks of the Mississippi River sits a town whose Southern charm and grace draw thousands of visitors every year. Known for its well-preserved architecture, Natchez, Mississippi, is a step back into the Old South, where elegant homes, rambling mansions, and historic plantations mark territory like the medieval castles of Europe. *The Majesty of Natchez* is a breathtaking photographic tour of the area in and around Natchez. This collection of full-color photographs highlights the beauty and grandeur of the town's finest homes, inside and out. Included along the tour is King's Tavern, the oldest house in Natchez; Longwood, the still-unfinished home of a plantation owner whose Northern workers dropped their hammers to take up arms in the Civil War; and Stanton Hall, one of America's finest house museums. Also featured are historic places that were not necessarily homes, like Historic Jefferson Military College, on whose grounds a ten-year-old Jefferson Davis once paraded; and Texada, a brick building that has been everything from a tavern to a town meeting hall. The stories and photos of these antebellum buildings, their exteriors and interiors, make reading this book as exciting and inspiring as actually being there. Since 1932, when the first Confederate Pageant was held, Natchez has been the focus of an annual pilgrimage of home tours and festivals. *The Majesty of Natchez* is suitable as a year-round guide for anyone with an eye for homes of beauty. Steven Brooke, an internationally acclaimed architectural photographer, received the National Honor Award for Photography from the American Institute of Architects, the Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome, and the Distinguished Achievement Award in 1987 from the Historical Museum of South Florida. His beautiful, detailed photographs of Natchez also grace the pages of Pelican's *The Majesty of Natchez Postcard Book*. His other books include *The Majesty of St. Augustine*; *Historic Washington, Arkansas*; *Seaside*; *Seaside Picket Fences*; and *The Gardens of Florida*, all published by Pelican. Brooke teaches architectural photography and composition at the University of Miami School of Architecture and lives with his son in Miami, Florida. Front-jacket photograph: Stanton Hall Back-jacket photograph: Melrose About the AuthorSteven Brooke, an internationally acclaimed architectural photographer, received the National Honor Award for Photography from the American Institute of Architects. His beautiful, detailed photographs of Natchez also grace the pages of Pelican's *The Majesty of Natchez Postcard Book*. His other books include *Seaside* and *The Gardens of Florida*, both published by Pelican. An adjunct professor of architectural photography and composition at the University of Miami School of Architecture, Brooke lives with his son in Miami, Florida.