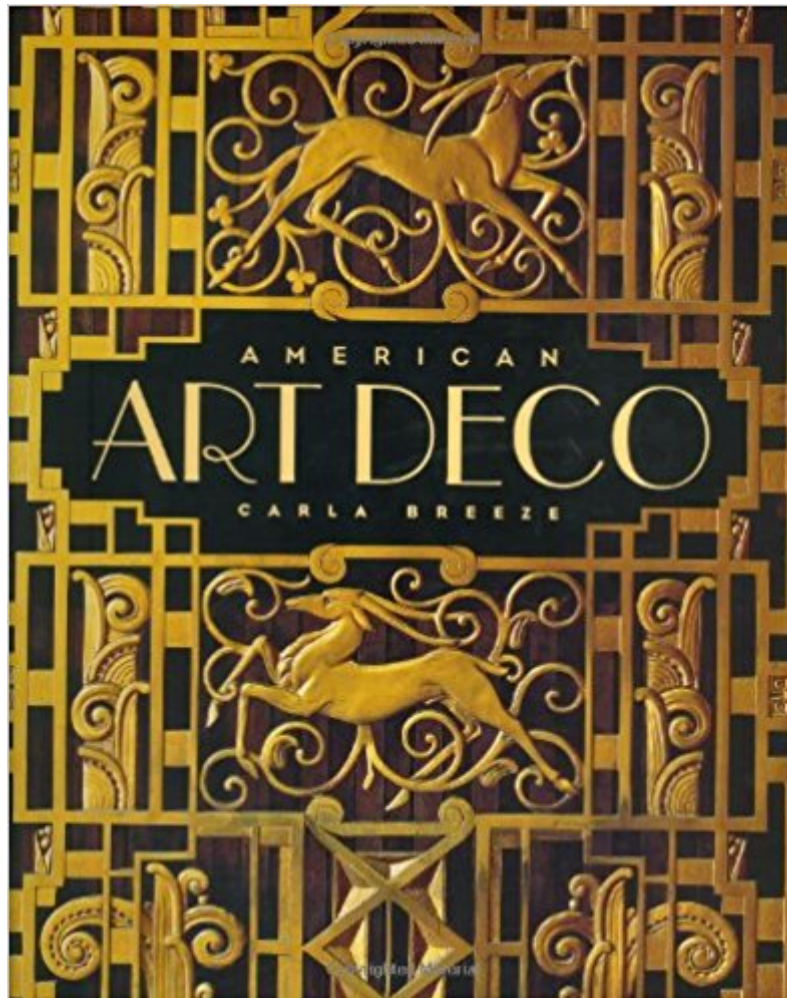




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Synopsis

A lavishly illustrated survey of American Art Deco architecture. Art deco architecture flourished in large cities and small towns throughout America in the 1920s and 1930s. Many of the best examples office buildings, movie theaters, hotels, and churches are still in use. Deco architects, artists, and designers drew on European styles but were most committed to a style that grew organically, as they saw it, from their native soil. Two themes bound Deco buildings and their decorative schemes together: a regional pride that tied buildings to their specific locales and functions, and a growing national symbolism that asserted the buildings' identity as uniquely, independently American. American Art Deco features description and over 500 color photographs of seventy-five lavish and innovatively designed buildings across the country that have been preserved both outside and in, giving the full scope of this beloved, exciting style.

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Customer Reviews

Carla Breeze is a photographer and the author of, among other works, New York Deco and L.A. Deco. She lives in New York City.

I bought this book because I was hoping to find some wonderfully detailed architectural examples included, which I had never seen. Having to order everything because there are no good bookstores where I exist, I was happily not disappointed. When someone says "I like art deco", one has to be careful because not all art deco is equal. In this book, the majority are quite beautiful, well

photographed and lovely examples categorised by region of the country. On one page, Grauman's Chinese Theatre is included with a side view illustration, and I would never have considered that to be art deco. This shows that the style is more homogenous than I realised. A detailed presentation of Bullock's Wilshire is one of my favourite, and can't believe I lived in L.A. for 3 years and never took notice. But there could have more pages dedicated to the Chrysler and Empire State buildings. Maybe those are books in and of themselves. Nevertheless, there is a wealth of information contained on the pages of this book, and the cover alone makes this a lovely presentation piece to have on display.

Each page inspires awe in this book. Gorgeous photos jump right off the page. Worth every penny if you are a lover of all things Art Deco. I find myself torn with this book. I want to show it to everyone I know, but I also want to keep it all to myself, sacred, like a holy book. So many of the pages would be excellent as framed art prints.

Gorgeous book! Good basic info.

Great Book.

Excellent review of us art deco

Nice!

This was a xmas present for my son. It is an absolutely beautifully photographed book with great deco buildings, furniture, etc. in it from all over.

There are some really beautiful examples I had never seen before. A great book for the side table as well.

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