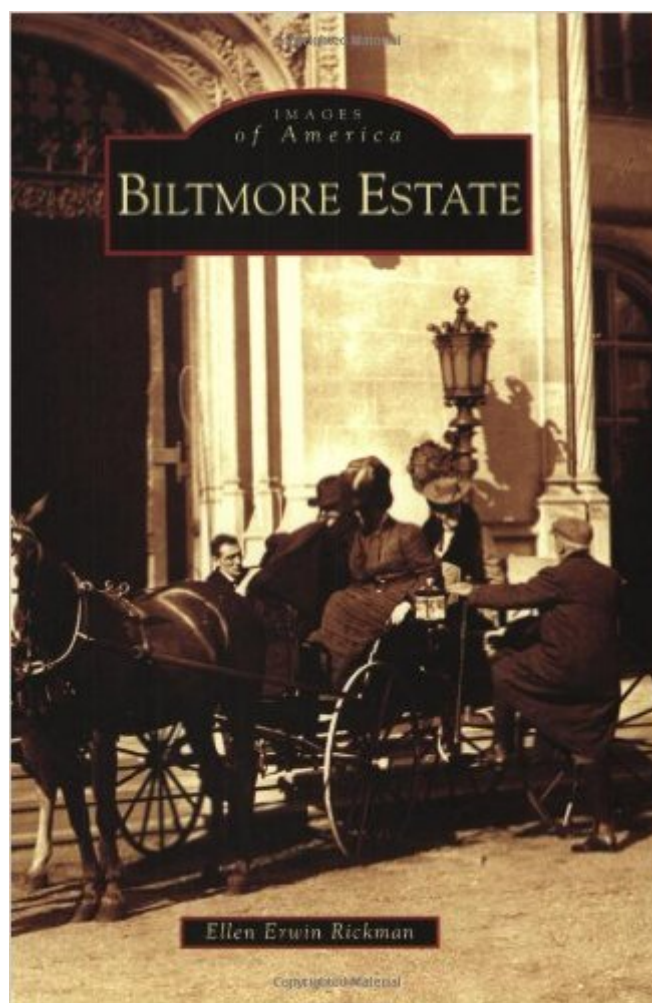


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# Biltmore Estate (Images Of America: North Carolina)



## Synopsis

Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, has captured the fascination of people everywhere for over 100 years. Created in the 1890s by George Washington Vanderbilt, a member of one of America's wealthiest families, the estate combined a 250-room French Renaissance "style chateau with 125,000 acres of gardens, forests, and working farms. Biltmore House served as Vanderbilt's primary residence for almost 20 years. After Mr. Vanderbilt's death in 1914, life at Biltmore continued for his wife Edith and daughter Cornelia. In 1930, Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil and her husband, Hon. John Francis Amherst Cecil, opened Biltmore House "the largest private home in the United States" to the public, firmly establishing the Asheville area as a major tourist destination.

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Unlike the other books on Biltmore, this covers information and photos on the Vanderbilt family who owned and lived at this monument. If that is what you want, this book is for you

The black & white pics describe Biltmore Estate - from acquiring the land, erecting the main house & adjacent buildings to their families & lifestyles. Very interesting book, highly recommended reading for those visiting Biltmore.

The title best describes the book: it is primarily images, thus 5 stars for meeting my expectations.

The book is not a detailed history of the construction of the estate or of the lives of the Vanderbilts, It is all B&W photography and contains no modern day photographs. It does provide a quick reference to it's history. It is best described as a good companion book. If you are a fan of the Biltmore, enjoy visit estates and mansions, or watch Downton Abbey, you will enjoy this book.

If you enjoy quick, short histories about old homes and the families they sheltered, then this is a good book to own. It is a photographic book, where the captions tell a condensed history of the Biltmore Estate and the family that lived there.

I went to see the home, really it's a castle. The book told me a lot more than the tour did. I didn't know about the dairy part of the estate or about the family history. So this book is a must BEFORE seeing the home.

This is a great book on the Biltmore Estate and the family. It is a book of photographs with captions. It is very interesting and progresses through history. You see photos of the grounds before the home was built, the home as it was being built, and then pictures of all the family inside and around the home. Fun read!!

This is an excellent book about The Biltmore. I've already toured the home and grounds but this provided further information that was very interesting.

Lots of pictures I've not seen before. If you love Biltmore Estate or are just curious about the Vanderbilt family you will love this book.

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