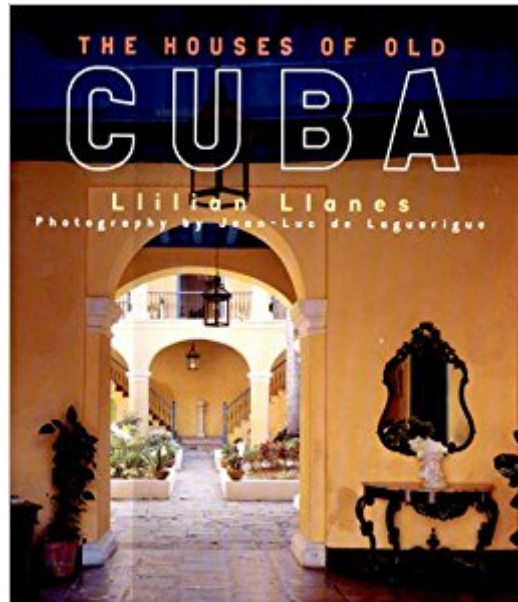




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Cuba's unique history has meant that hundreds of magnificent buildings have been preserved, and although many are timeworn and in need of repair, their architectural splendour is still remarkable. Columns and colonades, balconies and courtyards, intricate work in iron and ornately modelled stucco and painted wooden shutters are among the many features characteristic of Cuban architectural style. The interiors and exteriors of beautiful houses and hotels from all over Cuba are presented here in colour illustrations, with an informative text on their heritage.

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The Houses of Old Cuba documents the country's hybrid architectural character. Though concentrated on houses...the text covers the wider economic, cultural, and social history of Cuba, providing a context for the history of domestic building over the centuries. The photographs similarly capture the larger setting and include images of life in today's Havana and smaller cities strung the length of the island. -- Southern Accents, Philip Morris, December 1999

wonderful book on cuban houses. informative with beautiful photos.

Lovely book but the first time I opened it the cover came off. Very poorly bound. Will be sending it back.

Beautiful book and beautiful pictures

Incredible book! Both pictures & facts are most enjoyable. I ,being a "Peter Pan " era child, remember a lot about the architecture and beautiful homes on the Island. Very enjoyable and informative.

Is a beatigul book, showing a great country, think that people are bloked for 50 years, but they are in their ffet yet.

I purchased this book for my husband, he was forced to flee Cuba at the age of 5. He has a vast collection of books on Cuba and Cuban-American issues, and this is a very welcomed addition. The photographs are lovely, and when viewed by our Cuban relatives, it brought back lots of memories. Lovely as an art or historical book.

This is a fabulous book with exquisite pictures. The photography is marvelous and it gives the reader an opportunity to see the nice range of architectural styles that can be found in Cuba.

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