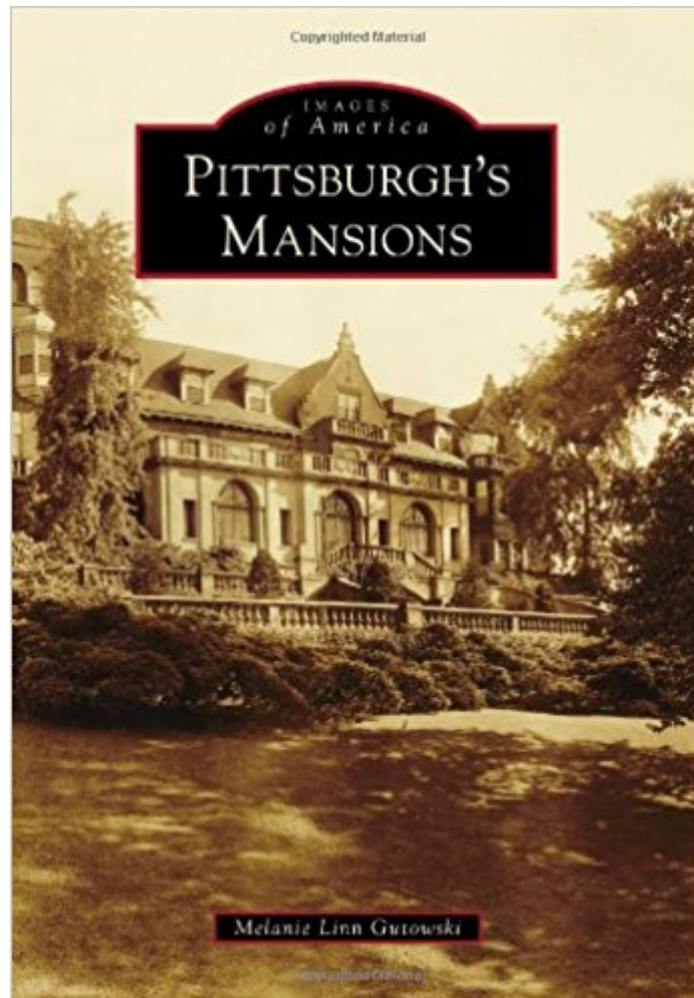




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Synopsis

In the 19th century, the positioning of Pittsburgh as a major manufacturing center and the subsequent rise of the area's 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

Melanie Linn Gutowski is a writer, historian, and lifelong resident of the Pittsburgh area. She has published history features in various western Pennsylvania and national publications and holds a bachelor's degree in history of art and architecture and a master's degree in professional writing.

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.

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.

Very interesting to read and look at the wonderful pictures, a keepsake

Bought this for my 90 year old mother for Christmas. Before I gave it to her, I took a look through. Fascinating! She has enjoyed it too (even with my eye-tracks!)

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!

Great look at some of Pittsburgh's long lost mansions.

Homes of two great uncles were in this. Many pictures of Chatham University mansions now dorms. Particularly Mellon Hall which was originally a dorm and my roommate and I slept in Andrew Mellon's bedroom.

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