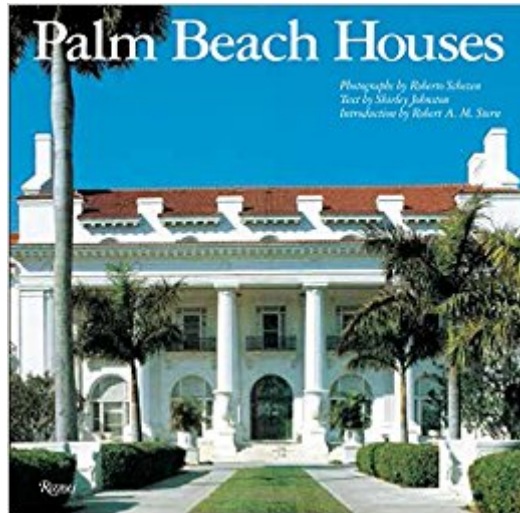


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# Palm Beach Houses (Rizzoli Classics)



## Synopsis

This classic volume, now back in print in a new format and at a reduced price, offers a strikingly illustrated, extensively researched history of Palm Beach. In 1894, Palm Beach leaped to world prominence as a winter playground with the completion of Henry Morrison Flagler's Royal Poinciana Hotel. In the 1920s, Palm Beach's extravagant lifestyle reached its height, and grand Mediterranean-style mansions abounded. *Palm Beach Houses* details the building and design of more than thirty great houses and public buildings on the "American Riviera." Public and private structures designed by some of the style-setting early architects are depicted, including works of Addison Mizner, Joseph Urban, and Maurice Fatio, as well as those of anonymous designers, whose feats of imagination rivaled the most celebrated professionals. The photography has been taken to respectfully document these superb homes, many of which have never before been published.

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The winter residences of the rich and famous are the stars of this elegantly designed and lavishly illustrated pictorial on the architecture of Palm Beach, Florida during the 1920s and 1930s. In the introduction, Robert A.M. Stern details the history of Palm Beach by the talented architects who conceived these palatial estates and sought to create a semitropical paradise. The first section focuses on seven famous estates, including Whitehall, Southways, and Mar-a-Lago. The following three sections highlight the careers of Addison Mizner, Maurice Fatio, and Marion Sims Wyeth and

the lavish homes they each created. While the beautiful illustrations portray these 32 estates as they are today, the historic photographs of early Palm Beach in the introduction are disappointing because of their postage-stamp size. The brief text accompanying each home is always informative, sometimes humorous, but occasionally confusing. An index to names would have been a welcome addition. All in all, Schezen brings to life the splendor of this bygone era. Recommended primarily for public libraries.-Stephen Allan Patrick, East Tennessee State Univ. Lib., Johnson CityCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Shirley Johnston is a well-known writer of beautifully illustrated books. Her previous books include *Splendor of Malta* and *Great Villas of the Riviera*. Robert A.M. Stern is principal of the firm Robert A.M. Stern Architects in New York. The Dean of the Yale School of Architecture, he has authored several books, including *New York 1900*, *New York 1930*, and *Modern Classicism*. The late Roberto Schezen was a photographer of worldwide acclaim. His books include *Newport Houses*, *Palaces of Rome*, *Visions of Ancient America*, and the *Splendor* series. Many of his photographs are now included in the permanent collections of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal, and the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

An older book that showcases some of the homes in palm beach. Wouldn't call it my favorite book esp having lived in palm beach. Looks good on the table.

I loved this book. I make trips to Palm Beach and this book made the sights more beautiful than even in person.

Great Book!

Excellent

I received this book in the time promised. This book was received in the condition promised and was exactly as I expected. It's a lovely book.

Good book

Perfect condition

This is an easy book to navigate, the text is informative, and the photographs are nicely done. I was a bit disappointed that some of the grandeur mansions were absent, but the largest, Mar-A-Lago was included, and that was appreciated. None of the homes are explored in great detail and though every home has an image, I would have liked to have seen more visuals, but as I have stated above the images are well done and the book does cover an impressive list of homes. I recommend this book as a good sampling of Palm Beach homes, but hardly definitive, maybe someone will be able to gain access at some point to some of the grandest private estates, and here's hoping they bring a camera with plenty of gig's.

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