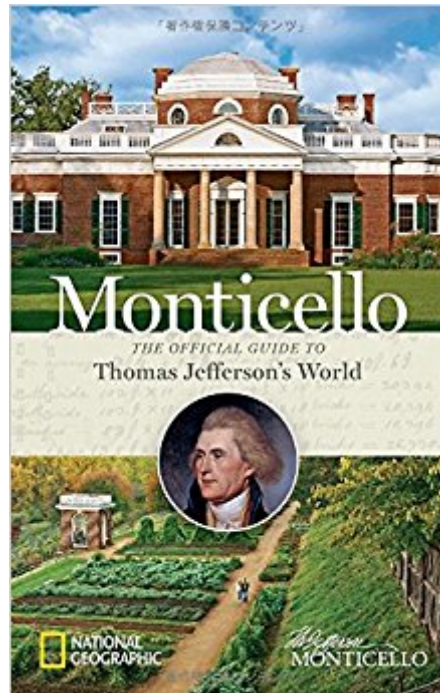




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Monticello: The Official Guide To Thomas Jefferson's World



Synopsis

For the first time, Monticello has an official guidebook that reflects the unique statesman and inventor Thomas Jefferson, his home, and his world. Showcasing the recent restoration of the home and plantation, it features information about the slaves of Mulberry Row, as well as the state-of-the-art visitor and education center. Each of the guide's 144 pages is designed to showcase the topics in its five chapters: Thomas Jefferson, Before Your Visit, The House, The Plantation, and the Neighborhood. Photographs, art and cutaways, and maps accompany featured stories both iconic and little-known from Monticello's curators.

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Customer Reviews

The THOMAS JEFFERSON FOUNDATION was incorporated in 1923 to "preserve Monticello as a memorial to Thomas Jefferson and his ideas." As the owner and operator of the estate, the company has been dedicated to its dual mission of preservation and education for more than 90 years. It has painstakingly worked to restore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, seek out original furnishings, reacquire plantation lands, and expand educational programs. Leslie Greene Bowman is the president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. She leads the nonprofit in its efforts to preserve and operate Monticello, the Founding Father's home and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. A former professor at USC and UCLA, Bowman is also the author of *American Arts & Crafts: Virtue in Design*. Charley Miller is a feature producer at ARD German TV, one of the world's largest broadcasting companies. A television industry veteran of more

than a decade who has filmed in ten different countries, he is also a coauthor of *Monticello: The Official Guide to Thomas Jefferson's World*. Miller lives in Washington, DC. Peter Miller is the author of *The Smart Swarm: How Understanding Flocks, Schools, and Colonies Can Make Us Better at Communicating, Decision Making, and Getting Things Done*. He is a senior editor at National Geographic and has served as a writer and editor at the magazine for more than 25 years.

Great book. I used it for a 2+ day visit to Monticello. They are currently selling the same book, but in paperback for \$13 and change at Monticello. Generally, I like to buy from the historic preservation organization and give them the little bit of profit, but I really wanted a hardcover book and saw on the website that they only are selling the paperback.

This is the perfect guide before a visit and a terrific souvenir afterwards, especially as you are not permitted to take photographs in the house (outdoors is O.K.). The photos in the book are superb and the historical background and details provided in the text is first rate. Highly recommended in anticipation of a visit to this national treasure of a house.

Very thorough; now I need to go back and look for all of the things I missed when I was there, but learned by reading this book. Excellent!

Great Read :)

wonderful book, since I can not visit in person, love the history

Monticello: The Official Guide to Thomas Jefferson's World by Charley Miller & Peter Miller is a guide which tells the reader about the famous home of Thomas Jefferson, America's 3rd President. We bought this book as a preparation for our second visit to this beautiful estate. On our recent vacation, we stopped at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello for a short visit (several hours). This was our second trip to this World Heritage site, the first one was when the kids were much smaller and while we certainly enjoyed the visit, we felt we'll get out of it more this time. Before the visit I figured I'll buy *Monticello: The Official Guide to Thomas Jefferson's World* by Charley Miller & Peter Miller, we like visiting historic places and we know that many times context is everything. An artifact, a building, or even something that might seem insignificant get a whole new meaning when

viewed in the right light. The book goes on to talk about the history of Thomas Jefferson, the home, the plantation, and the artifacts inside. Each section is very short (this is a guide, not a comprehensive history book) and includes many pictures and maps. One does not have to read each section to go on to the next, they are completely separate (and color coded). I assigned our kids to read the section about the house so they'll have a better understanding of what we're going to look at. While begrudging at first, they admitted that it was a good idea. My favorite parts of the book are the little stories from Monticello's curators. I'm glad I bought this guide before our visit and I highly recommend it if you plan to go.

Not really helpful as a guide book

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