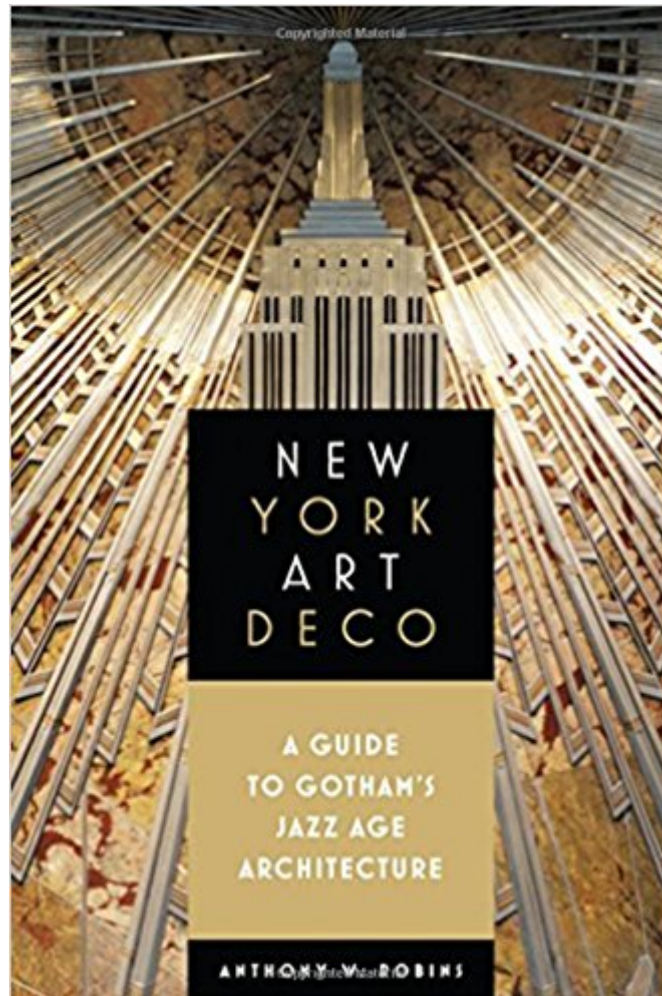




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# New York Art Deco: A Guide To Gotham's Jazz Age Architecture



## Synopsis

Of all the world's great cities, perhaps none is so defined by its Art Deco architecture as New York. Lively and informative, *New York Art Deco* leads readers step-by-step past the monuments of the 1920s and 30s that recast New York as the world's modern metropolis. Anthony W. Robins, New York's best-known Art Deco guide, includes an introductory essay describing the Art Deco phenomenon, followed by eleven walking tour itineraries in Manhattan each accompanied by a map designed by legendary New York cartographer John Tauranac and a survey of Deco sites across the four other boroughs. Also included is a photo gallery of sixteen color plates by nationally acclaimed Art Deco photographer Randy Juster. In *New York Art Deco*, Robins has distilled thirty years' worth of experience into a guidebook for all to enjoy at their own pace.

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A wonderful, warmhearted, exceptionally knowledgeable and detailed guidebook that takes you firmly by the hand along fifteen thoughtfully planned itineraries through New York's most exuberant and optimistic architectural heritage: those much-beloved Art Deco skyscrapers, apartment houses, shops, and theaters that stand out as the showy orchids and magnificent birds-of-paradise of the city's building stock. Anthony W. Robins's *New York Art Deco* is an essential introduction to hundreds of structures that are, as the book says, waiting impatiently for you to visit. Tony Hiss, author of *In Motion: The Experience of Travel* Anthony W. Robins has produced what will surely stand as the definitive guide to New York City's Art Deco architecture. The book is an authoritative as well as entertaining tour de force, drawn from the author's encyclopedic knowledge of the

subject. Jules Stewart, author of *Gotham Rising: New York in the 30s* Anthony Robins's *New York Art Deco* fills a void in the design library of New York. Well organized by itineraries that begin at the very tip of Manhattan and work their way into the other four boroughs, it is filled with invaluable information on the monuments of Art Deco and French moderne structures whose design perfectly expresses the streamlined era when speed and movement were celebrated. This is a must-have book for every lover of Art Deco, whether you are a New Yorker or a visitor from New Zealand. David Garrard Lowe, author of *Art Deco New York* The Art Deco style fits New York like a glove, from the skyscraping Chrysler Building to the little, eye-popping Lane Theater on Staten Island, and nobody knows it like Anthony Robins. If you thought you knew Art Deco as I did, before I read his *New York Art Deco*, then buy this book and be surprised. Christopher Gray, author of the former *New York Times* Streetscapes column Buy this book, take a few wonderful walks around the entire city (discovering some fine New York neighborhoods you probably have never been to), from the Grand Concourse and Washington Heights treasure trove of Deco to the Chrysler Building to Flatbush in Brooklyn, and ask yourself, do all those new glass towers in Manhattan leave you as delighted as Art Deco's confections, whether seven stories or seventy? That generation knew how to make buildings that you really want to live in, work in, and walk by. Thank you, Anthony Robins, for giving us the keys to that kingdom. Barry Lewis, architectural historian With the publication of *New York Art Deco* everyone, from the city explorer to the armchair reader, can now experience Anthony Robins's dynamic Art Deco walking tours. Robins not only discusses the city's famed Deco skyscrapers, but also identifies the spectacular but little-known Deco gems spread across the city. This book is a must for those who love New York and thrill to Art Deco architecture. Andrew Scott Dolkart, author of *The Row House Reborn: Architecture and Neighborhoods in New York City, 1908-1929*

A native New Yorker and twenty-year veteran of the New York City Landmarks Commission, Anthony W. Robins is the author of books on Grand Central Terminal, the World Trade Center, and the art and architecture of the New York subway system. A popular leader of walking tours all over New York City, he is best known for Art Deco, and organized the city's first regularly scheduled series of Art Deco tours, sponsored by the Art Deco Society of New York.

A lovely book

Anthony Robins's *NEW YORK ART DECO* is a jazzy, well-detailed compendium of

the important Deco sights and sounds in New York. This step-by-step guide leads the observer to both the specific location of interest and an in depth look at what details make that building of particular importance. Its attention to detail is extraordinarily focused and fascinating. Both the informative text and detailed pictures and maps work side to side in making the walking guide easily accessible. This book is a must-read for Deco connoisseurs, architects and designers, and the layperson that looks for architectural inspiration in New York City.

A wonderful guidebook with clear walking tour maps and photographs that explore the best of New York's Art Deco buildings. The author's style is refreshing and informative, well conveying his passion for the subject matter. The book is loaded with fascinating facts about building's I pass every day! I will now look with fresh eyes at these buildings thanks to this wonderful book. It will be a cherished addition to my architectural library.

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