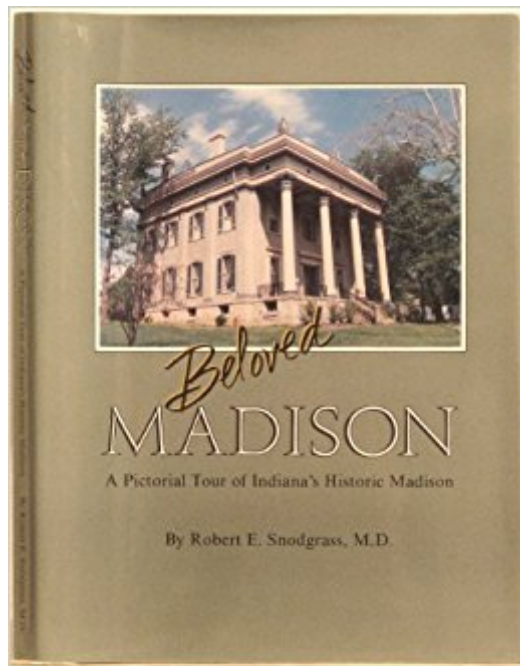




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This book was "okay" but a bit of a disappointment to me. A long time ago, I read an article about Madison, Indiana and was impressed with its old time architecture. Colonial Homes magazine did a nice article about many of its historic features. I am not from the area but enjoy historical architecture so I searched for a book about Madison and found this one on .Sight unseen, I bought it. I gather that this book is almost impossible to get. There doesn't seem to be a lot of them "out there". But I took a chance on it. The book is nicely put together and is loaded with pictures of the town in every way, shape and form. Many of the photos are interesting to somebody who is interested in architectural photos of homes. My disappointment came from the following details:1.) The book had loads of photos of the interior of many of the houses. Sorry, don't want to offend anybody but the vast majority of these interior photos were dark, poorly lighted and truthfully, the interior scenes were of no interest. Hum drum, everyday furnishings of no real interest and most reflect a 1970's image of what a colonial or victorian house should look like. Some photos are fuzzy and look like they were taken with a cheap camera.2.) I was under the impression that the "downtown" part of Madison was Historic but the photos displayed of the downtown main street were nothing of any real interest. Lots of everyday, mid 19th century buildings lined up, most in poor condition and nothing really worth seeing. I was very disappointed in it.3.) Madison, at one time, was

an Historic river port of the Ohio River. However, they showed nothing at all about the waterfront or anything about its historic image. Sad to say, overall the book was "okay" but probably not one I would have bought if I could have seen the interior photos first. This book would ONLY be very interesting to a resident or a former resident of Madison who wanted to know more about their town or go down "Memory Lane".

Great book, albeit a bit outdated. I travel to Madison ever few months and the homes are the same. The Lanier Mansion is back to it's original color so it's not the color that the book shows. Madison is an incredible city that puts you back in America's heyday.

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