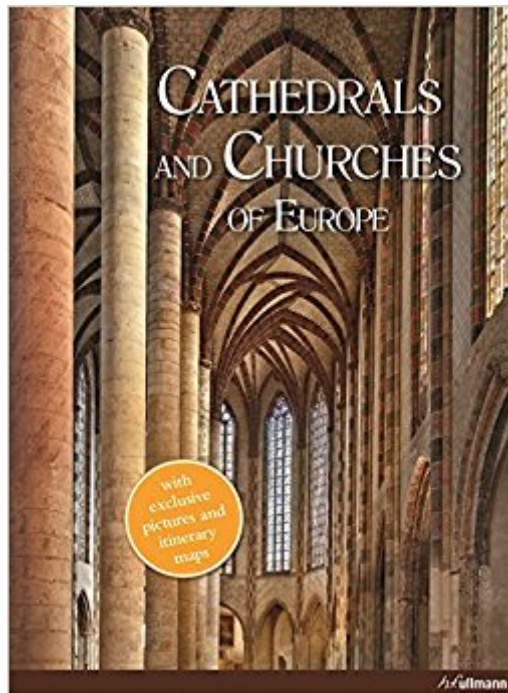




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Synopsis

This marvelously illustrated volume takes us to a journey throughout Europe's most beautiful and magnificent sacred buildings. As the very heart and centre of most cities and villages, churches, cathedrals and basilicas have shaped the regional landscape in Europe to a great extent. Their architecture bears witness to the matchless skills of craftsmen and the mystic fervor that led to their building. Their century-old stone and stained glass tell the story of power and glory, sacrifice and devotion. Sorted by country and region, there is one chapter for every important area in Europe. The beautiful photographs by Achim Bednorz show the stunning details of richly ornamented ceilings, lead glass windows, colorful carpets and solid stone walls. The accompanying maps guide lovers of churches and cathedrals to the portrayed monuments. Throughout its 12 fascinating chapters, this book reveals some interesting details about the buildings, their architecture, the interior, their artful embellishments and their sacral and historical meaning. This book is a must-have for people interested in Christian sacral monuments, their history, architecture and interior.

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Cologne-based photographer Achim Bednorz has specialized in photographing sacred places. The principle behind his method of interpretation is simple: to get as close to reality as possible. This means presenting the object in well balanced directed light, making the object recognizable as if in ideal circumstances, and foregoing any special effects.

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Beautiful book. I was stunned how detailed and beautiful the churches and cathedrals of Europe actually are. I have never been to Europe. The pictures made my two favorite beautiful churches in my city, look like someone's home made chapel in their home. Really, no comparison. The book was plastic shrink wrapped, and the cover and pages appear crisp and perfect and brand new. The pictures are large enough to enjoy the details. Many pictures are as large, or nearly as large as the page, ~ 10.5 X 14 inches. Strangely, in my book, pages 379 - 398 were not caught up in the binding, and can slip out of the book, as one combined unit, with separate pages. But, they slip right back in compactly, the book appears perfect, and so not worth my energy or time to exchange this book. Published in Germany, printed in Italy, 2015. Translation from German. Of the little I have read so far of my new book, care was made to make the book very informative. The book is a joy to me, who has not traveled to Europe, and would be a good memory for people who have been blessed with the opportunity to visit these sites. I think that a person could have peaceful, simple fun, just by opening the book to a favorite page, and having it next to them in their home while they pray. Of course, other regular and normal people would be happy with the book just on their coffee table for their guests to enjoy. I would say that if you like beautiful churches, then the purchase of this book is worth your money. Enjoy.

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It is a wonderful, informative book with the most beautiful pictures in. As I am interested in architecture and has travelled to and been in some of these very impressive churches and Cathedrals, it is a book you want to keep near and you can go through it time after time. A most beautiful and interesting coffee table book Worth every cent

This is a GORGEOUS tablebook. Altho I gave it to my son, I am keeping it long enough to read myself before I mail it to his home address!

Happy with purchase.

After falling in love with cathedrals in Europe on a recent trip, I purchased this gorgeous coffee table book for my best friend since third grade. She graduated with an Art History major with emphasis in architecture many years ago before going onto law school so I knew she would love it as much as I did. I just gave it to her last week for a very late Christmas gift and she was overwhelmed. The beauty of each page after page of glorious pictures showing cathedrals is simply stunning. We both loved that it is divided up by countries so you can get a feel for what you've already visited and what you would like to see on a later trip (hopefully sooner rather than later). Thank you for the perfect gift for my sweet friend! Well done!

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