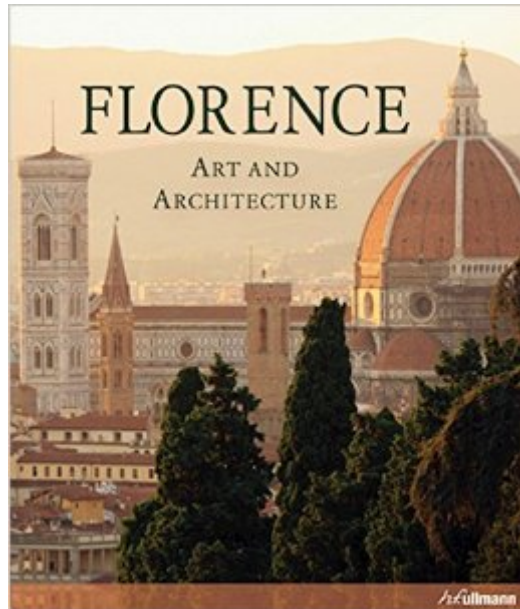


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# Florence Art And Architecture



## Synopsis

The illustrated volume *Florence: Art and Architecture* combines interesting and easily understood texts with an abundance of opulent color illustrations into a first class cultural experience. Prominent Florentine scholars and museum directors accompany the reader on a journey to the unique artistic treasures of this city on the Arno. The experts introduce superb historical buildings and sculptures in their historical contexts, and as "insiders" lead you through world famous painting galleries such as the Accademia and the Palazzo Pitti.

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This book is both beautiful and scholarly. It provides 29 essays by Italian art scholars on five centuries of Florentine art and architecture beginning with medieval Florence through the 20th century. The photographic reproductions are outstanding in both the vibrant colors and the large double-paged size. There is a glossary, bibliography, general index and works index. It is a feast for the eyes and a reference book to cherish and study. Prof. Antonio Paolucci's introductory essay reflects the depth and breath of his knowledge. I bought this book because I had watched the exquisite DVD series "Treasures of Sacred Art: Tuscan Journeys" with Prof. Paolucci's enthusiastic and scholarly narration. I am thrilled to have this wonderful book.

Gorgeous photography. Surprisingly, it lacks a table of contents or index of sites. This makes it difficult to look up a particular place as it can be mentioned many times throughout the book. I have never seen a book like this without chapters! For example, you cannot just look up the Duomo, the

Baptistry, the Pitti Palace, the Palazzo Vecchio, or the Uffizi Gallery. The captions are full and complete, but the lack of structure to the book is baffling. It is not even organized chronologically, so important in a city that saw the birth of the Renaissance. I still recommend the book 100% for people who have been to Florence or intend to visit, but it is more for people who have been there! The photos are stunning! "An Art Lover's Guide to Florence" is much better written, but all the (few) illustrations are in black and white.

This is a beautiful coffee table book. You will be amazed. Glossy thick pages, hundreds of pages long. A glossary and index, articles written by academics and scholars of art and cultural antiquities. I was in Firenze in March, and now am going back in November and this book is adding so much to my knowledge of what I have already seen, I can't wait to see them again in person with fresh and deeper knowledge of these treasures. Honestly, I can't believe I only paid \$38 for this book.

Having visited (vacationing) in Florence many years ago, this book brought back many good memories. It is a beautiful place and the book depicts Florence and its art so well.

What a wonderful book for anyone interested in art. A small pocket book size book with excellent photography.

Translated essays that accompany the wonderful pictures are difficult to read and understand.

It was a gift, recipient very happy. Beautiful photos, thoughtful text. Very nice

I liked the photos, the texts were a bit too long and I would have loved a the presentation of arts and artists in a chronological order but otherwise it is just great!

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