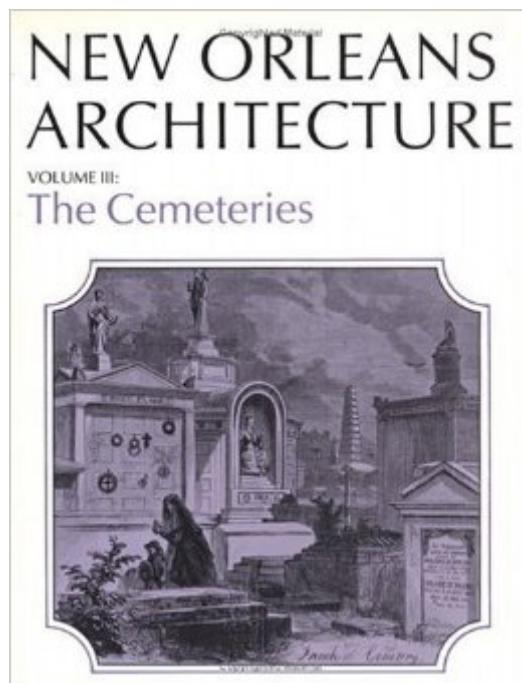


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This book gives an interesting and well researched history of the cemeteries in New Orleans. It is a must read for anyone who wants to know the details of our unique cemetery architecture. Tombs, symbols, history, historic figures and a lot more are discussed in this book. I think it is the best book I have read so far on our cemeteries in New Orleans.

I am a history buff and my ancestors arrived in New Orleans as early as 1831. This book helped me to make sense of the social-religious stratification of New Orleans. Jews, protestants, Slaves, freemen, firemen, police etc all buried in separate areas if not separate cemeteries. I hope the city keeps up these important parts of their history for future generations. My dad was at one time the chauffeur for William Helis who had his tomb made like the acropolis and imported soil from Greece to rest on. Very well done and informative book.

Satisfied

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