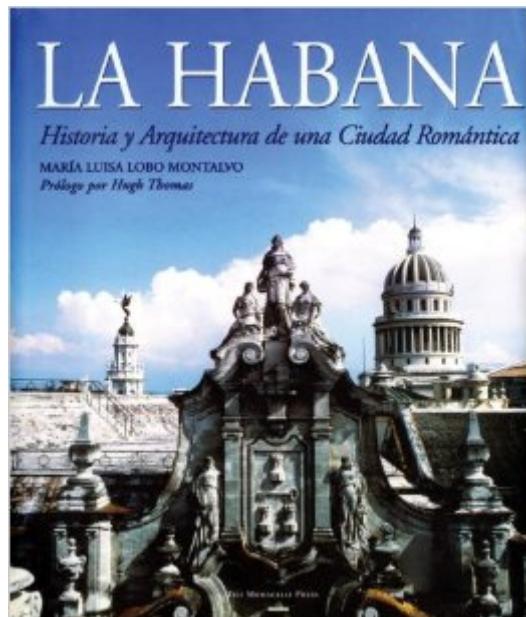


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Synopsis

Cuba is both an essential part of the history of the Western hemisphere since 1492 and an island with a past and traditions entirely its own. Havana, its legendary capital, bears the traces of every stage of its history. In this volume, author Maria Luisa Lobo Montalvo presents the architecture and history of Havanaâ "part of which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Siteâ "in an accessible and engaging text and specially commissioned color photographs. Discussion of each phase of the city's development are accompanied by detailed case studies of the period's most significant buildings, which include the architectural history and heritage of each structure as well as comprehensive new and archival documentation, including photographs, prints, paintings, and historical artifacts. Throughout her presentation of the buildings, Lobo discusses the unique expression of design and decorative elements, customs and traditions that characterize the architecture of Havana. The oldest extant structures in the city are the great forts and fortifications, such as Castillo del Morro and Castillo de la Punta. A great number of houses, from all periods of Havana's history and in all styles, simultaneously offer architectural and cultural history. Finally the great churches and conventsâ "the Church of La Merced and the great baroque Havana Cathedralâ "and institutional structuresâ "the magnificent Palace of the Captains Generalâ "show the public face of Havana, in which every neighborhood and every building proudly proclaims its individual origin.

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This book brought back memories...many. The history is well researched, especially the old buildings in La Habana Vieja. But, it does give the impression that the Cuba of old was only made up of very wealthy classes. I would have liked to see examples of more modest structures, that, nevertheless, still showed a true Cuban taste.

Excellent book, both in English and Spanish. Excellent writing of an era gone forever from our once beautiful country. She brings back memories of our youth in a free country that was Cuba. The photographs of the now restored houses are breathtaking. Many of these homes and buildings have been restored to their grandeur with the help of many dedicated Cubans and with funds from the UNESCO. Great Book!

A great book, highly recommended. It's great not only because of its pretty pictures but also for its interesting (and lovely) approach to the city. It's an architectural tour through Havana City which ends up being a tour through its history. Mine is a gift from a friend. This I bought as a gift for another friend with the intention of inviting her to give it as a gift to another friend, turning the purchase of this book into a beautiful tradition between my friends. If I could give one book to everyone of my friends, this would be one of them :-)

A very impressive pictorial review of Habana... a hidden treasure lost in time right in our back yard. The pictures are numerous and remarkable. It is an accurate representation of the grandeur of this historic city. The book covers the many monumental buildings in the city and focuses even in the smallest decorative details. It's the second best thing to a visit to this imposing city.

This is a gorgeous book that captures a lost Cuba. Written in Spanish, so be warned. Absolutely glorious & well worth buying. I bought it for a friend who is a Cuban refugee & he adored it.

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