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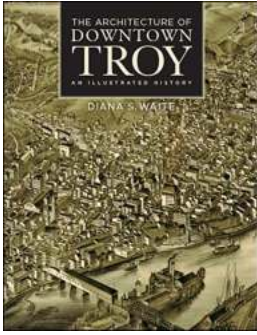
The Birth of Excelsior Editions

Excelsior Editions was born out of a desire to create a bridge between academic publications and the wider general audience. The team behind these meticulously crafted books recognized the need for a visually enticing format that would capture the interest of both scholars and casual readers alike. With a commitment to quality and a passion for historical storytelling, they set out on a mission to produce works of art that would educate, entertain, and inspire.

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**The Architecture of Downtown Troy: An Illustrated
History (Excelsior Editions)**



by Alice Rawsthorn (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.8 out of 5

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Unforgettable Illustrations

What sets the Excelsior Editions apart is their breathtaking artwork. Every page is filled with vibrant illustrations that bring historical events to life. From detailed maps and diagrams to stunning depictions of ancient landscapes and architectural wonders, the visual elements of these editions are as captivating as the stories they tell. Each illustration is carefully curated to ensure accuracy, ensuring that every reader gains a deep understanding of the subjects being portrayed.

Authenticity and Expertise

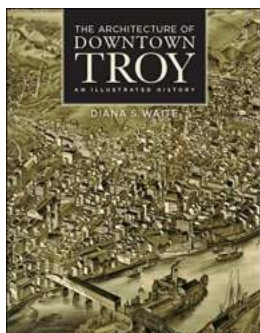
One of the distinguishing features of Excelsior Editions is their commitment to authenticity. Each book is meticulously researched by a team of experts in the relevant field, ensuring that the information contained within its pages is accurate and reliable. The authors and researchers behind these editions dedicate themselves to presenting historical facts in a compelling and accessible manner, making them accessible to readers of all backgrounds and levels of knowledge.

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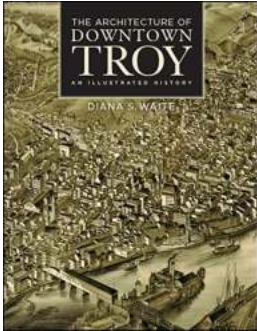
Located about 150 miles north of Manhattan, on the east bank of the Hudson River, the city of Troy, New York, was once an industrial giant. It led the nation in iron production throughout much of the nineteenth century, and its factories turned out bells and cast-iron stoves that were sold the world over. Its population was both enterprising and civic-minded.

Along with Troy's economic success came the public, commercial, educational, residential, and religious buildings to prove it. Stores, banks, churches, firehouses, and schools, both modest and sophisticated, sprouted up in the latest architectural styles, creating a lively and fashionable downtown. Row houses and brownstones for the middle class and the wealthy rivaled those in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

By the mid-twentieth century, however, Troy had dwindled in both prominence and population. Downtown stagnated, leaving building facades and interiors untouched, often for decades. A late-blooming urban-renewal program demolished many blocks of buildings, but preservationists fought back. Today, reinvestment is accelerating, and Troy now boasts what the New York Times has called "one of the most perfectly preserved nineteenth-century downtowns in the United States."

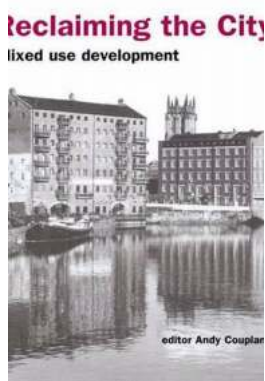
This book tells the stories behind the many handsome and significant buildings in downtown Troy and how they were designed and constructed—stories that have never been pulled together before. For the first time in generations, scores of

Troy buildings are again linked with their architects, some local but others from out of town (the "starchitects" of their day) and even from Europe. In addition to numerous historic images, the book also includes contemporary photographs by local photographer Gary Gold. This book will inform, delight, and surprise readers, thereby helping to build an educated constituency for the preservation of an important American city.



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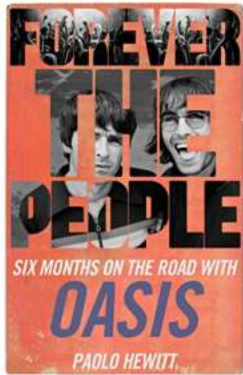
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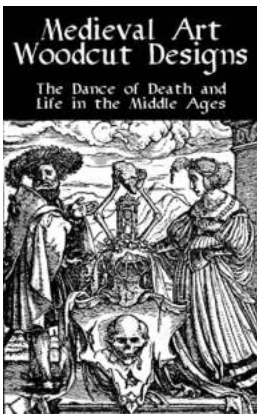
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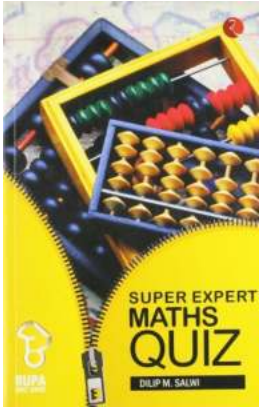
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