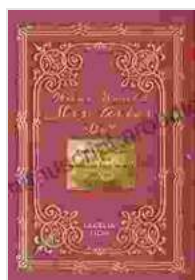
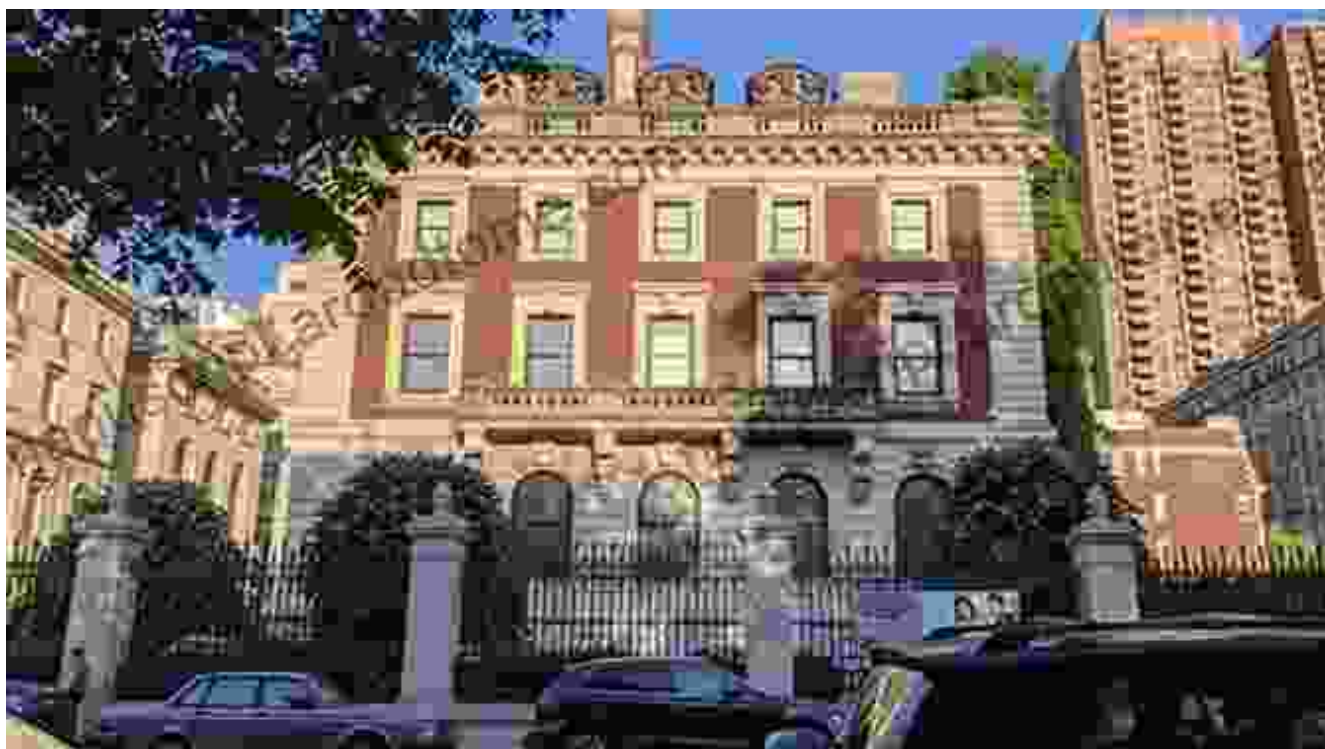


The Essential Guide to the Manners and Mores of the Gilded Age Washington Mews

A Journey into the Opulence and Excess of a Bygone Era



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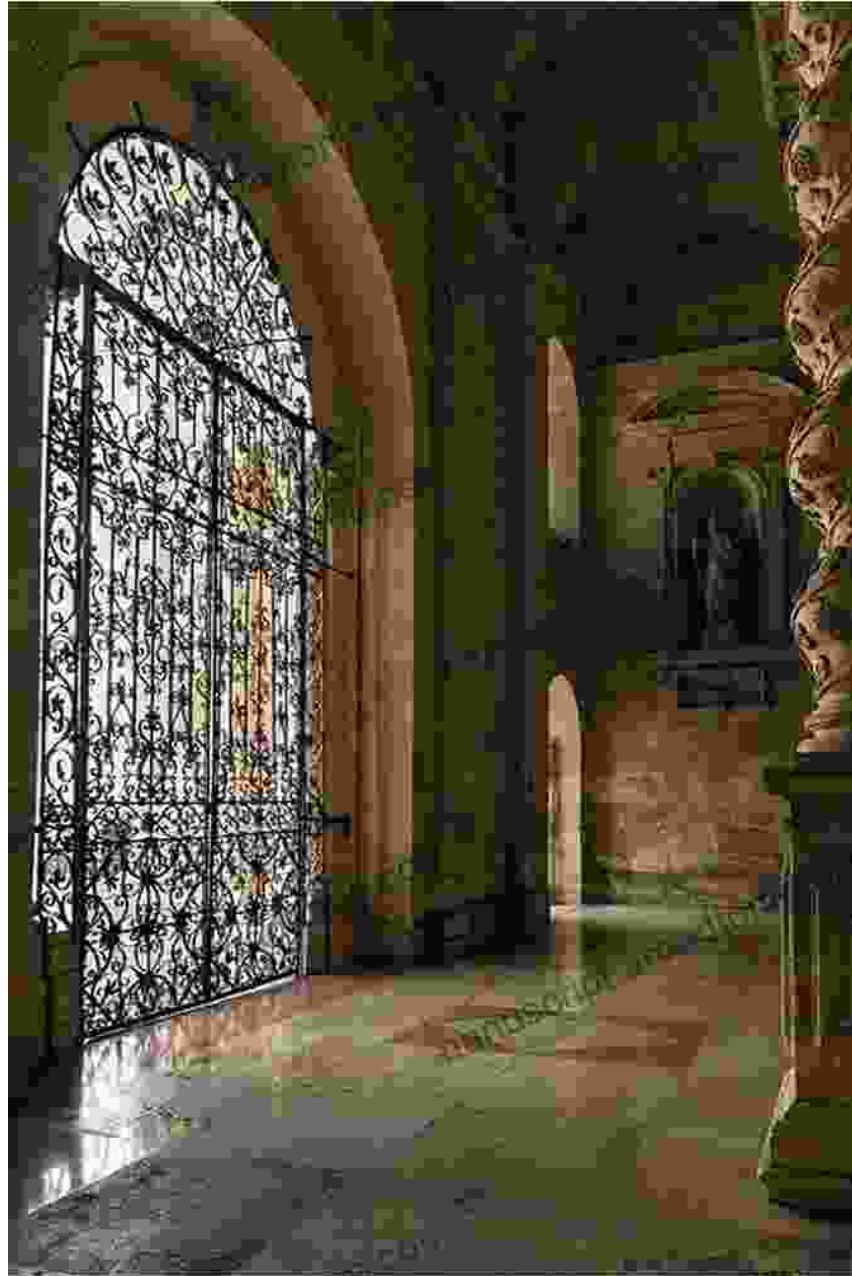
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Nestled discreetly amidst the bustling metropolis of New York City lies Washington Mews, an exclusive and enigmatic enclave that whispered tales of the Gilded Age. This extraordinary collection of 11 mews houses, hidden behind a fortress-like facade, served as the playground for some of the wealthiest and most influential families of the era.

Our comprehensive guidebook, "The Essential Guide to the Manners and Mores of the Gilded Age Washington Mews," invites you on a captivating journey into the ethereal heights of this opulent sanctuary. Delve into the lives of its legendary inhabitants, from the Astors and Vanderbilts to the Goulds and Harrimans. Unearth the secrets of their lavish balls, extravagant parties, and scandalous affairs.

Unveiling the Enchanting Architecture



Washington Mews, designed by renowned architect Charles Haight, is a masterpiece of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture. Each mansion boasts its own unique character, adorned with exquisite details that speak to the boundless wealth and extravagance of the Gilded Age. From elaborate wrought-iron gates to intricate stone carvings, the architectural splendor of Washington Mews transports you to an era of unparalleled opulence.

The Intricacies of Gilded Age Etiquette

Beyond its stunning facades, Washington Mews was governed by a rigid set of social conventions and etiquette. Our guidebook provides an illuminating glimpse into the intricate rules that dictated the daily lives of its inhabitants. From proper dress codes to the nuances of hosting a formal dinner party, immerse yourself in the sophisticated lifestyle of the Gilded Age elite.

Profiles of Legendary Residents



At the heart of our book, you will encounter the fascinating personalities who shaped the legacy of Washington Mews. From the enigmatic Mrs. Astor, the undisputed queen of New York society, to the scandalous Harry Lehr, who turned social gatherings into flamboyant spectacles, each profile offers an intimate glimpse into the lives of these larger-than-life figures.

Exploring the Newport Connection



Washington Mews was closely intertwined with the glittering summer palaces of Newport, Rhode Island. Our guidebook explores this connection, revealing how the wealthy elite of New York transplanted their lavish lifestyles to the seaside resort town. Witness the opulent balls, yacht races, and extravagant parties that defined the Gilded Age in Newport.

Beyond Fifth Avenue: The Urban Sanctuary



While Fifth Avenue was the epicenter of Gilded Age grandeur, Washington Mews offered a sanctuary from the public eye. Its secluded courtyards, adorned with lush gardens and babbling fountains, provided a private haven for the elite to escape the relentless pace of urban life. Our book delves into the hidden corners and secret gardens that made Washington Mews a coveted retreat for the city's elite.

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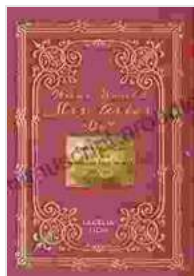


The end of the Gilded Age marked a shift in societal values and economic landscapes. Our guidebook traces the gradual decline of Washington Mews' exclusivity and the transformation of its mansions into private residences. Despite these changes, the legacy of the Gilded Age continues to permeate the atmosphere of this extraordinary enclave.

: A Timeless Window into an Extraordinary Era

Through this captivating book, we invite you to embark on a journey through the hallowed halls of Washington Mews. Experience the opulence, intrigue, and social conventions that defined the Gilded Age. Discover the secrets of legendary families, delve into the intricacies of etiquette, and

explore the architectural wonders that have stood the test of time. "The Essential Guide to the Manners and Mores of the Gilded Age Washington Mews" is your passport to an extraordinary era, offering a timeless window into a world of unimaginable luxury and extravagance.



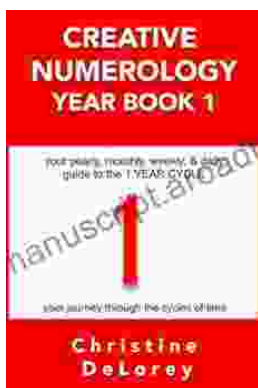
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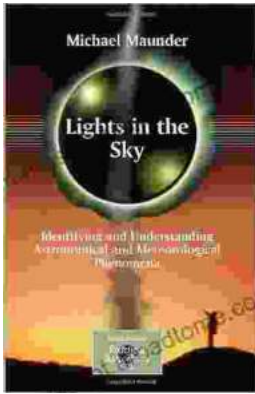
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