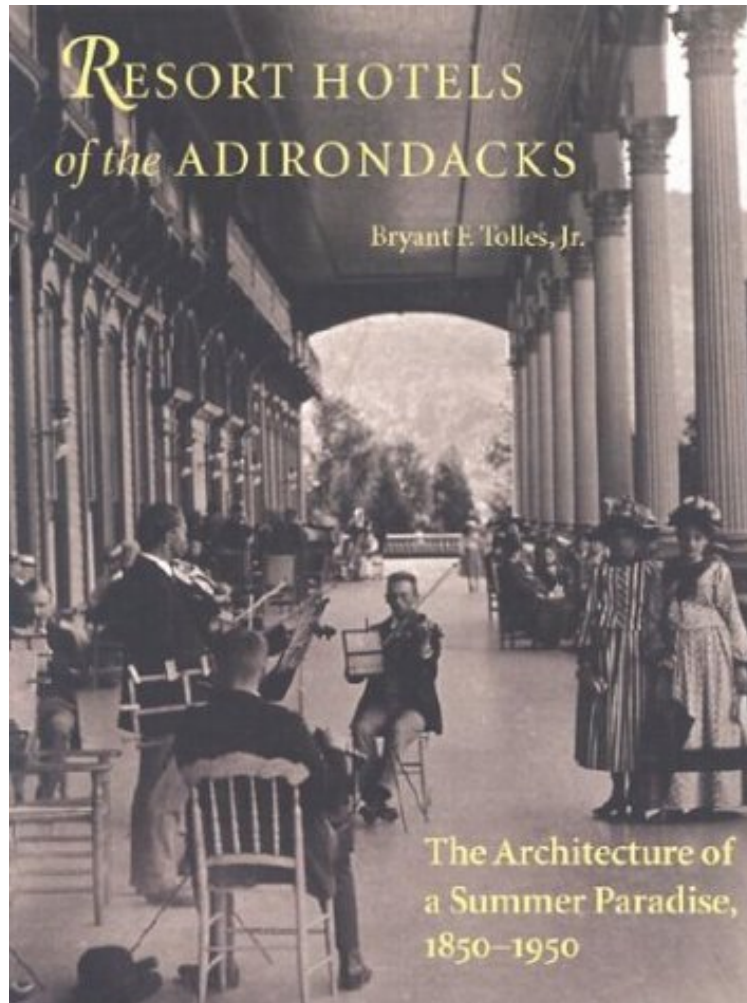


Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks: The Architecture of a Summer Paradise, 1850-1950

Bryant F. Tolles Jr.

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#1496105 in Books UPNE 2003-06-01Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 11.30 x 1.14 x 8.821, 3.47 #File Name: 1584650966320 pages | File size: 15.Mb

Bryant F. Tolles Jr. : Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks: The Architecture of a Summer Paradise, 1850-1950 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks: The Architecture of a Summer Paradise, 1850-1950:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Penultimate History of Adirondacks Resort HotelsBy David ArbogastBryant Tolles is the undisputed master of the architectural history of nineteenth-century resort architecture of New England. This book is one of a set of similar books delving into the detailed history of all of the large, grand resort hotels in the Adirondacks of upstate New York (which, technically, is not part of New England). Given the fact that virtually all of these hotels no longer exist, the record of their history is vital and Mr. Tolles is to be commended for his efforts. The book is scholarly and written to appeal to the average reader. The black-and-white illustrations are

virtually all period photographs and advertising materials for the hotels, including both exterior and interior views. I recommend this book for those who are interested in the broad history of resort architecture, especially that of the Northeast of the United States and for those interested in the Adirondacks and its history. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent
By Vitruvius This is the fourth book by Tolles that I have purchased; the first was a guide to the historic buildings of New Hampshire. Another is on the historic hotels of the White Mountains. The most recent one I've purchased, *Summer by the Seaside*, is on the wooden resort hotels of coastal New England. This book is a fine survey of the architecture of the grand wooden hotels that once stood in the resort areas of the Adirondacks. Most of the buildings in this book are gone; the book provides a fitting memorial for some long-disappeared handsome buildings. Until I saw this book, I never realized that as many interesting hotel structures had been built in the Adirondacks - I've always associated the great wooden hotels with New England. History and architecture are well-documented. Photography and reproductions are excellent. Tolles' books are a great find for anyone interested in historic 19th century American architecture and the possibilities of wood frame buildings. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I love to view photos and read about Victorian times
By DollfaceHDI was born during the wrong era. I love to view photos and read about Victorian times. Sounds like a beautiful time to be alive.

During the 1850s, New York's Adirondack region saw the birth of a leisure world centered in the area's large resort hotels. These spectacular structures clearly reflected the dramatic social and technological changes that unfolded in the United States between 1850 and 1950. In his new book, Bryant F. Tolles, Jr. studies the architectural development of these extraordinary retreats in order to explore changing American attitudes toward nature and landscape, fashion and culture, transportation, and innovations of various sorts. He also delves into the resorts' eventual decline, which was rooted in their vulnerability as wooden structures as well as in the ever-changing preferences of their guests. With over two hundred illustrations—many of them historic photographs, along with architectural plans, reproductions of printed views, and recent shots of the remaining hotels and their related buildings—*Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks* captures the glorious spirit of a bygone world and reveals fundamental shifts in American cultural expectations. Tolles brings his chronicle up to the present by exploring the two surviving grand Adirondack resort hotels: the second Hotel Champlain (at Bluff Point on Lake Champlain) and the third Sagamore Hotel (at Bolton Landing on Lake George). The book concludes with a discussion of several imaginatively conceived but never-built resort hotels. Tolles has utilized an authoritative array of sources, including guidebooks, local histories, newspaper articles, maps, county and town records, business records, guest correspondence, and diary entries. His comprehensive history creates a detailed picture of luxury in a resort setting and enriches our understanding of American life and culture during a period of radical change.

"Highly readable, lavishly illustrated (including a color section), solidly researched, and well indexed, with an extensive bibliography, *Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks* is both authoritative and absorbing." *New York History: Quarterly Journal of the NY State Historical Association*