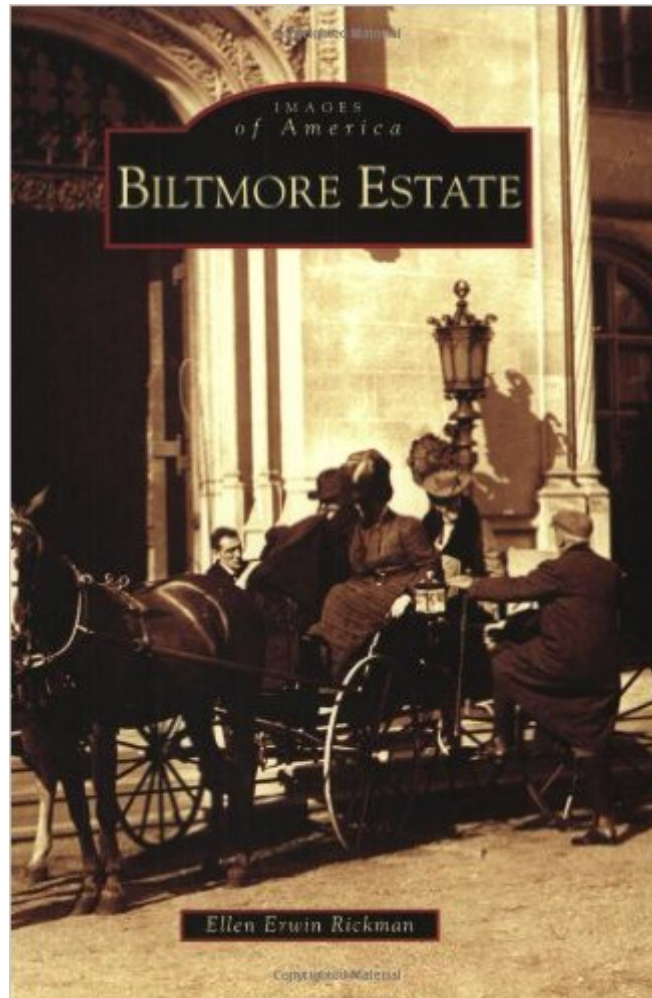




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Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, has captured the fascination of people everywhere for over 100 years. Created in the 1890s by George Washington Vanderbilt, a member of one of America's wealthiest families, the estate combined a 250-room French Renaissance-style chateau with 125,000 acres of gardens, forests, and working farms. Biltmore House served as Vanderbilt's primary residence for almost 20 years. After Mr. Vanderbilt's death in 1914, life at Biltmore continued for his wife Edith and daughter Cornelia. In 1930, Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil and her husband, Hon. John Francis Amherst Cecil, opened Biltmore House to the largest private home in the United States to the public, firmly establishing the Asheville area as a major tourist destination.

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A lifelong resident of Asheville, author Ellen Erwin Rickman is Director of Museum Services at Biltmore Estate. She oversees historical research and the preservation and interpretation of Biltmore's impressive collections of fine and decorative arts. Rickman has been employed at Biltmore Estate since 1986.

This is a great book on the Biltmore Estate and the family. It is a book of photographs with captions. It is very interesting and progresses through history. You see photos of the grounds before the home was built, the home as it was being built, and then pictures of all the family inside and around

the home. Fun read!!

Excellent read, purchased after visiting, this and other books filled in some of the blanks from our guided tours and visit to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC.

I ordered this book after a visit to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. It reminded me of all the wonderful things I had seen and taught me more about the creation of this stunning home.

This is an excellent book about The Biltmore. I've already toured the home and grounds but this provided further information that was very interesting.

Biltmore Estate is a delightful picture book featuring photographs which were taken on special occasions at the house and surrounding area of the residents of the famous estate. The family members shown become more than just names of members of a family that was important many years ago.

A wonderful pictorial history of Biltmore.

Greta photos and commentary on what it was like in the day!!

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