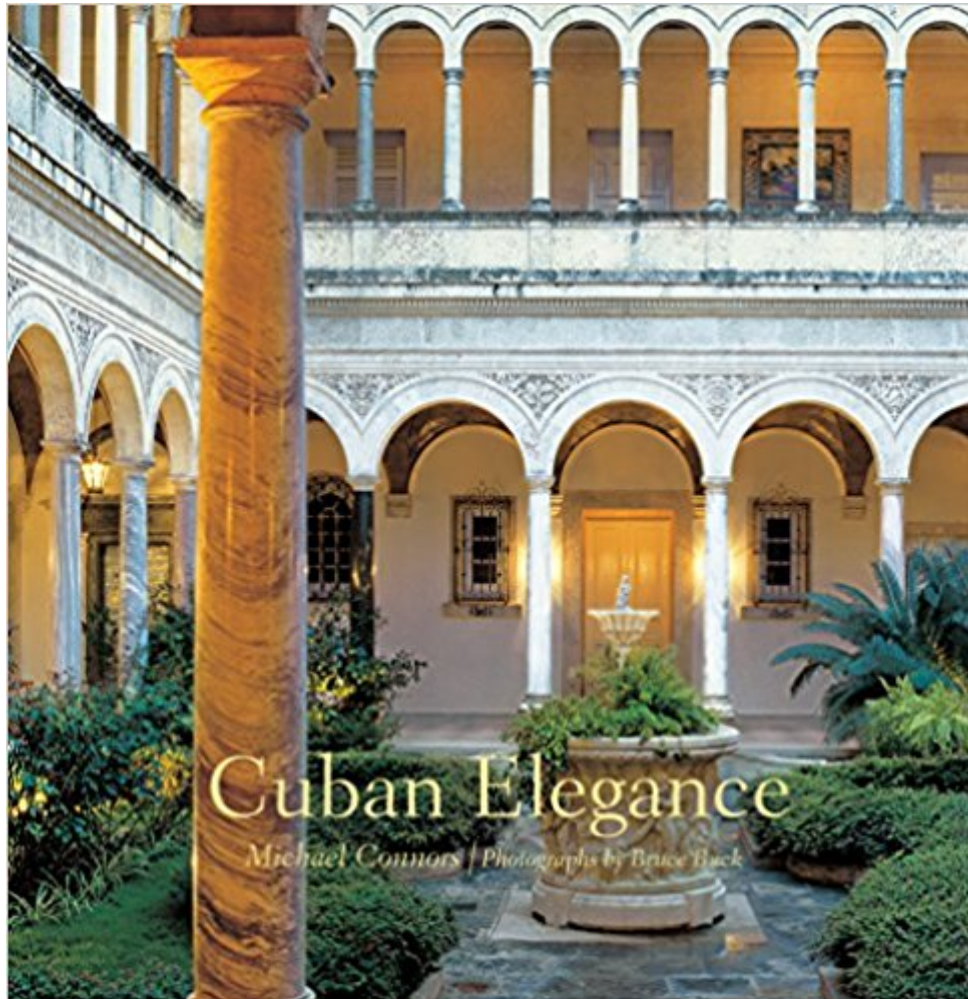




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Synopsis

'Cuban Elegance' offers a look into the life of the Cuban elite during the Spanish colonial era, emphasizing the palatial houses and handsome furniture of the island's enormously rich sugar, cotton and tobacco barons.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Connors, author of Abrams' Caribbean Elegance, is a noted authority on the art and life of the Caribbean. He teaches at New York University and publishes widely in the field. He lives in New York City, St. Croix, and Deer Isle, Maine. Bruce Buck is a New York City-based photographer of architecture whose work has appeared in Architectural Digest, House and Garden, and other style magazines.

wonderful book. was not impressed with connors' french island elegance and swore off this author but this one is one of the best books on cuba. the photos are beautiful, as what one expects from colonial cuba, and the text is informative. however connors seem to have a particular interest in furniture, and spends more time writing about furniture than necessary.

This book was a very pleasant surprise. The writing was interesting and the pictures superb. The book gives you a good understanding of great periods of wealth and abundance that affected this island paradise. The furnishings show the affluence of these generations and creation of Cuban furniture made with beautiful native hardwoods. It's sad to see how such a gorgeous country with

such a rich history and economic possibilities, became what it is today. Today these buildings are delapidated and crumbling. Its people are needy. A far cry from what it once was, before its downfall started taking place on January 1, 1959. I recommend this book wholeheartedly. It's worth reading such a well crafted book.

Being of Cuban heritage, I was interested in finding a book dealing with the island's past and birth. If you like history, you will like this book. It is very well written, but I do wish it had more photos of architecture and the decorative arts of Cuba's past.

Simply beautiful. Very interesting history. We thoroughly enjoy this book!

Beautiful book! An excellent and charming gift! I have bought twice for two different friends and it has being a success!

I am planning to go to Havana next year. This volume has taught me a lot. It is a beautiful book and it illustrates the elegance that was Cuba, especially in Havana.

good pictures

This book allows a view into the elegance and grandeur of old Cuba. The artful curves maintained throughout the years of isolation. A recent visit to Cuba confirms the beauty and fascination coupled with the simplicity and isolation of a country rich with tradition and art.

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