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Monumental Venice



Synopsis

Monumental Venice presents breathtaking panoramic views of Venice's famed monuments and historic sites, as well as little-known gems. Covering many fascinating styles and periods, it features bustling Piazza San Marco, watery churches and abbeys, such as San Giorgio and Il Redentore, tranquil isolated squares and unfrequented districts, and marble palazzos lining the Grand Canal. Straddling the horseshoe-shaped Grand Canal, and viewed from the lofty campaniles of San Marco and San Giorgio, Venice is an apt subject for the panoramic photographer, and in Jacques Boulay the City of the Doges has found a talented heir to Venice's well-known photographic tradition. Venice seamlessly melds old and new, the Gothic Ca' d'Oro and Peggy Guggenheim's outstanding museum collection, the ancient Palazzo Pisanti-Moretta and the riotous 1920s Hispano-Moorish delirium of the Lido. Boulay's achingly beautiful photographs make it evident that Venice is far more than a collection of historic buildings, sixteenth-century fish markets, and public squares; its numerous secret gardens, canals, and quiet waterways make it one of the most verdant cities in Europe. Venetians are both urban and urbane, and Boulay reveals the brightly hued fisherman's houses of Burano, picturesque covered passages and cul-de-sacs, and the legendary Caffè Florian, where generations of Venetians and visitors partake of Negronis or Americanos. The panoramic vision of Jacques Boulay makes age-old Venice young again. Praise for Monumental Venice: "This is literally the biggest book of the season, measuring 19 inches wide and 12 inches high. Some of the fold-outs are four feet wide, making the viewer feel as though she's crossing one of Venice's bridges or riding the canals. . . . Lots of fun to look at." --St. Paul Pioneer Press "Venice has seen record high tides in the past few weeks, encouraging visitors to take a dip in (rather than stroll through) St. Mark's Square. You'll have enough of a time lifting this tome, stuffed with exquisite architectural and life-on-the-street photographs of the City of Water." --Denver Post "Gorgeous panoramic vistas of the Italian city's canals, squares and palazzos in a 20 x 14-inch format that's truly â€˜monumentalâ€™. . . . This beautiful paean to Venice is so intimate and intensely romantic, you'll feel as though you're floating through its pages on a gondola." "USA Today" "These sweeping panoramic photos present Venice as a thriving modern city with beauty around every corner." "Entertainment Weekly" "Jacques Boulay's panoramic photos of Venice unfold to nearly 6 feet wide in this glorious tribute to a luminous city of echoing plazas and shimmering canals." "Star Tribune" "Panoramic views of Venice's canals, palaces, churches, and bridges are captured in this new, limitedâ€˜edition book. The 232â€˜page book has huge singleâ€˜ and doubleâ€˜fold pictures that showcase the old and new of the city and take you from gothic cathedrals to ancient palazzos, secret gardens, and more." "Good Morning America

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Customer Reviews

Over the years I have collected many books on Venice. This book, without hesitation, is the most stunning, astonishing photographic book on 'La Serenissima' you could hope for. It is so beautiful, I am inclined to throw down a challenge to anyone who loves Venice. So - here is the challenge. If, in your heart, you do not find this book truly amazing, I will pay for your first night's meal in this unique city! I cannot put down here all the necessary adjectives to describe this incredible book. Finally -a personal message to the photographer, Mr Jacques Boulay. Sir - could you one day photograph an equivalent book of Capri. If you should do this, then I will personally finance an overnight stay on the Island! Many, many congratulations on surpassing every single book I have collected featuring Venezia.

A book for those who love Venice. Extraordinary images capture the beauty and fascination in a city where intriguing scenes appear around every corner. The extremely large (long) photographs convey the full vistas - a bridge crosses a canal in front of a vividly mottled building with crumbling plaster, while in the left a narrow street carries the eye away. Virtually every image adds a significant element and enhances one's appreciation, cliches are avoided, and some images are especially evocative - like the statue head struggling to stay above the water level. Buy this book and be transported to one of the world's most extraordinary cities.

Probably the nicest paper ever, and full of wonderfully special photographs, but two thing are

missing. One is the vast sweeping views of Piazza San Marco. There is one aerial photo and a close-up of one of the colonnades, but that is basically it. There are countless canal views (which are beautiful), but the piazza, a place all visitors see, was basically ignored. The other thing missing were photos of San Michele, the famous island cemetery. The book shows the exterior wall from the water, but none of the famous paths of endless stones that mark the graves of people like Ezra Pound. This book is special, but many things were not there.

Fabulous book filled with panoramic views of Venice. You really feel as though you are there. The accompanying text is very informative, Love it!!

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