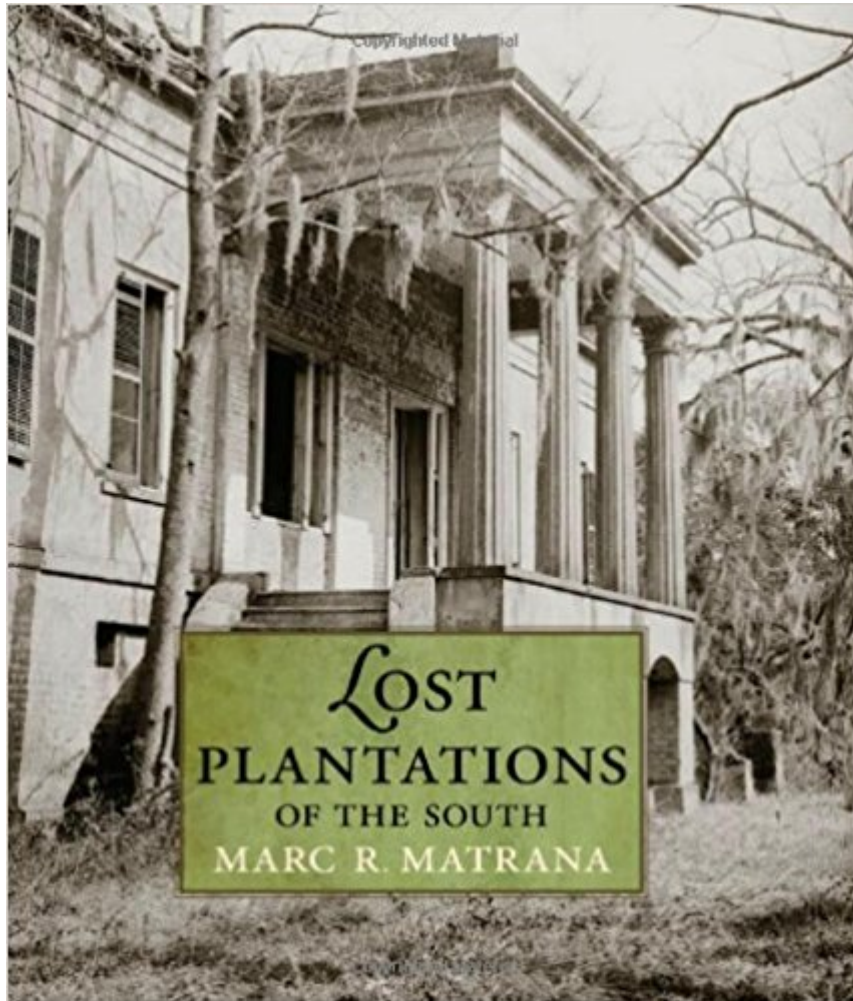




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Synopsis

The great majority of the South's plantation homes have been destroyed over time, and many have long been forgotten. In *Lost Plantations of the South*, Marc R. Matrana weaves together photographs, diaries and letters, architectural renderings, and other rare documents to tell the story of sixty of these vanquished estates and the people who once called them home. From plantations that were destroyed by natural disaster such as Alabama's Forks of Cypress, to those that were intentionally demolished such as Seven Oaks in Louisiana and Mount Brilliant in Kentucky, Matrana resurrects these lost mansions. Including plantations throughout the South as well as border states, Matrana carefully tracks the histories of each from the earliest days of construction to the often contentious struggles to preserve these irreplaceable historic treasures. *Lost Plantations of the South* explores the root causes of demise and provides understanding and insight on how lessons learned in these sad losses can help prevent future preservation crises. Capturing the voices of masters and mistresses alongside those of slaves, and featuring more than one hundred elegant archival illustrations, this book explores the powerful and complex histories of these cardinal homes across the South.

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An illustrated history of the grand southern plantation homes lost to war, disaster, neglect, and progress

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Marc R. Matrana practices medicine at the Ochsner Medical

Center and is an active preservationist and historian. He has published numerous articles and papers and is the author of *Lost Plantation: The Rise and Fall of Seven Oaks*.

If you like southern plantation houses, you will like this book. I bought this one used but it came in great shape. It has lots of great pictures and is a nice size. My husband and I love to tour old houses, in the south, so this was a good book for us.

I'm a history geek, so this book is right up my alley. Sad that so many of these beautiful plantations have been lost.

Gorgeous book. So much history & research. Really love it. Fast service. Thank you!

I enjoyed the more detailed histories of some of the plantations. Wasn't just a book of photographs. But on the other hand it could use a few more photos. I've been to the New Orleans area many times but did not know a lot of the history that this book included. All in all I love it.

Antebellum history is our hobby. The author has created a wonderful book filled with documents about these lost homes. It is very well researched and interesting to read - - and I must say heart breaking to read of a lot of these homes just shoved into oblivion and lost forever. Thanks to this author, he at least brings them back to life in this book. This is the best book I have seen about antebellum homes and their history.

Very nice book.

This is a wonderful historical book about lost treasures of the South with not only pictures/drawings but the stories about the families behind each of these Plantations. . .this is a book that will be enjoyed and re-read several times. My only regret is that I wish some of the pictures had been in color but one could certainly use their imagination.

This book goes into the history of the families and their descendants, the history of the land, culture, etc. Very interesting, but so sad to realize that so many of these beautiful homes were lost forever.

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