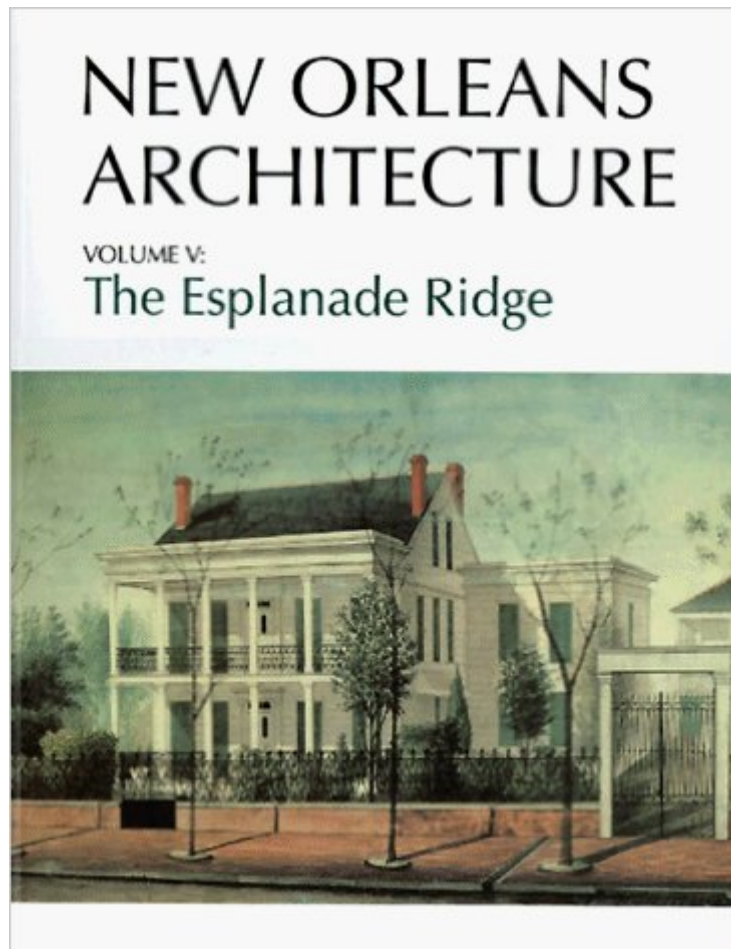


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# New Orleans Architecture: The Esplanade Ridge (New Orleans Architecture Series)



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The fifth volume focuses attention on Esplanade, the broad, tree-lined avenue that stretches from the Mississippi River to Bayou St. John.

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This is a tremendous series. It is generated not only from the incredible history and architectural richness of New Orleans, but also an especially deep commitment to celebrating and preserving these treasures. This series has methodically chronicled neighborhood after neighborhood and topic after topic. I have read 4 or 5 of these volumes so far and they have ranged from well-executed to magnificent. This volume V on Esplanade Ridge falls into the latter category. It has a very narrow and easily defined focus: a single road. Esplanade stretched from water to water -- Bayou St John to the river. About 31 blocks (under 3 miles) in all. Its history dates to the earliest days of the city, with development beginning by the 1720s. The book is roughly the same size and format of the others in the series -- 190 pages, 9 x 12, packed with hundreds of photos. What sets it apart from the others (University section of Uptown; Lower Garden District; Cemeteries; etc.): 1. It covers almost EVERY structure in its jurisdiction (rather than just most noteworthy and possibly a few typical ones). 2. It offers frank, constructive recommendations for how to restore and improve current (as of 1977!) structures. Its format is: Dedication Foreword Intro Map Military history US Mint 119 pp. of block by block photos and descriptions, from the 400-block at the river to the 3400-block at the bayou. City Park (at

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