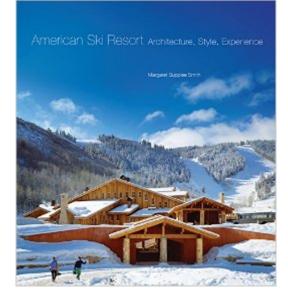
## The book was found

# American Ski Resort: Architecture, Style, Experience





## Synopsis

One of Americaâ <sup>™</sup>s most popular sports, skiing is all about freedom. Skiers enjoy the thrill of adventure, an escape from city life, and a close encounter with nature at its most rugged and majestic. And yet, paradoxically, the experience of skiing for most Americans is inextricably linked to architecture, for our journey down the mountainside is shaped by the ski resort. In this magnificent book, architectural historian Margaret Supplee Smith traces the evolution of the ski resort in North America. Brimming with photographs of spectacular scenery, intriguing buildings, and colorful personalities, American Ski Resort is the first book to explore the combined phenomena of skiing, tourism, and architecture from a national perspective. Focusing on destination ski resorts in New England, the Rocky Mountains, the Far West, and southern Canada, Smith examines the architecture of recreational skiing from the 1930s to 1990, showing how small, family-operated businesses evolved into the massive, theme-oriented, Â multipurpose ski establishments of today. The narrative begins with the origins of the American winter recreation industrya "surprisingly, in the midst of the Great Depression. She then shows how American ski resorts challenged the supremacy of the European Alps and explains the role that architecture played in this shift. According to Smith, skiing is an archetypical American experience, reflecting our common tendency toward swift ascent, overreaching ambition, and thudding downfalla "followed by picking ourselves up, dusting ourselves off, and starting all over again. As the ski industry today faces problems of exclusivity, climate change, a vulnerable economy, and an aging skier demographic, it must itself seek new ways to start all over againâ "with ski resort architecture continuing to define that reinvention.

## **Book Information**

Hardcover: 352 pages Publisher: University of Oklahoma Press; 1St Edition edition (July 25, 2013) Language: English ISBN-10: 0806142952 ISBN-13: 978-0806142951 Product Dimensions: 10 x 1.5 x 11 inches Shipping Weight: 5.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (4 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #169,760 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #21 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Outdoor Recreation > Skiing #86 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Winter Sports #219 in Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture > History

#### **Customer Reviews**

This beautiful book first attracts the reader with stunning images of the American ski resort, then captivates the reader with revealing insights into American culture in the 20th century.

A great book if you want to read and see great pictures from the history of the American Ski Resorts until the 1980's would like to see some material and pictures from the last 20-25 years too.

Beautiful pictures. Great gift for a ski addict.

I didn't have high expectations for this book. I thought it was just going to be a lot of photos of boring current-day ski resort buildings. But this had a very interesting history of ski resorts in America, as well as a discussion of their architecture. I would definitely recommend this book.

#### Download to continue reading ...

American Ski Resort: Architecture, Style, Experience The New Summit Hiker and Ski Touring Guide: 50 Historic Hiking and Ski Trails Downhill Slide: Why the Corporate Ski Industry is Bad for Skiing, Ski Towns, and the Environment Alpine Ski Mountaineering Western Alps: Volume 1 (Cicerone Winter and Ski Mountaineering S) Houses Coloring Book: An Adult Coloring Book of 40 Architecture and House Designs with Henna, Paisley and Mandala Style Patterns (Architecture Coloring Books) (Volume 1) Lost Newport: Vanished Cottages of the Resort Era Disneyland Resort: A Pictorial Souvenir Disneyland Resort Remember the Moments: A Magical Souvenir WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT: A SOUVENIR FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM Montana Table: Recipes From Chico Hot Springs Resort Birnbaum's Disneyland Resort 2007: Expert Advice from the Inside Source: The Official Guide, Disney Editions: Insider Tips on How to See and Do It All Birnbaum's 2016 Disneyland Resort: The Official Guide (Birnbaum Guides) Birnbaum's 2017 Disneyland Resort: The Official Guide (Birnbaum Guides) Disneyland's Hidden Mickeys: A Field Guide to Disneyland® Resort's Best Kept Secrets Disneyland's Hidden Mickeys: A Field Guide to the Disneyland Resort's Best Kept Secrets The Last Resort: A Memoir of Mischief and Mayhem on a Family Farm in Africa Spy Ski School (Spy School) Learning to Ski with Mr. Magee Water-Ski Wipeout (Hardy Boys Clue Book) The Ski House Cookbook: Warm Winter Dishes for Cold Weather Fun

#### <u>Dmca</u>