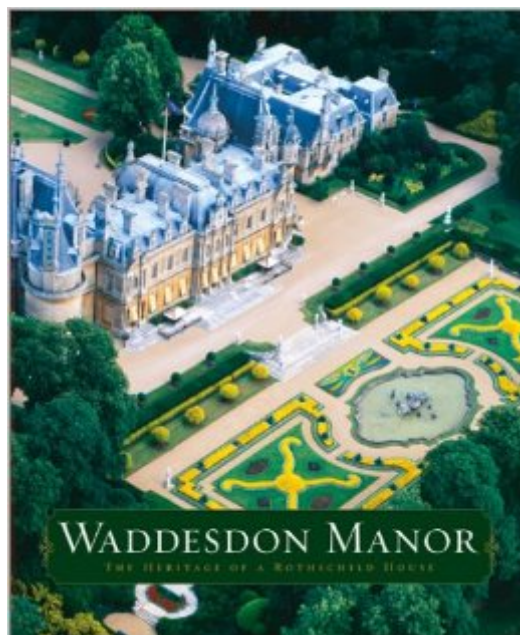


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Waddesdon Manor: The Heritage Of A Rothschild House is a gorgeous coffee table book, filled cover to cover with fabulous full-color photographs depicting an extraordinary house in the English countryside near London and its 125-year history. Showcasing romantic gardens, a superb private wine cellar, a wondrous aviary and much, much more, Waddesdon Manor is an incredible tour through culture, time, architecture, and interior design. The detailed text, drawing from previously unpublished research, memoirs, family and retainer reminiscences, takes the reader on a step by step tour through rooms and eras alike in this classical volume recommended for students of architectural history.

This book is wonderfully put together. The photos are vivid and the history of the house is fascinating. This is truly a grand English Estate, even if done in the french style usually favored by the Rothschilds. This first family of banking always lived in the most amazing homes, like the home of the U.S. ambassador to France and the Rothschild estate in the south of France. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves European elegance; just a beautiful book. Now if

someone would just do a book on Felieres, outside Paris, the ultimate Rothchild grand estate.

For anyone interested in beautiful things, especially houses, I highly recommend this book. It is very informative and gives a lot of insight into the Rothschild family. I loved the pictures of which are beautifully shot. I also believe that the price range is very good considering it is a great book to own and of the finest quality. I have read it thoroughly many times and it does not come apart like other books that I have.

This book does contain some exceptional photography and most of the subject matter is very well chosen. There are, however, a fair number of out of focus images. I understand vintage photos don't always measure up to today's standards of resolution but poor quality photography is not enhanced through enlargement. This latitude does not hold for the book's contemporary photography. There are several full and even two page spreads that constitute little more than filler. Books, after all, aren't sold by the pound. Maybe I should have reserved my criticisms for the latter part of this review as it may appear I found more to dislike than the opposite. That is not the case. Very few books meet all expectations and in spite of the aforementioned there is much here to please. The vast majority of the exterior and interior views are nothing short of gorgeous. And likewise for the treatment of furnishings and collections. The production quality is everything one would expect in an expensive coffee table book and the dust jacket is very inviting. This volume presents one of those instances where more is less. Four stars were awarded not for what wasn't included but for what should have been eliminated. All said, I am glad I purchased the book, I have my own scissors. (just kidding, bibliophiles)

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