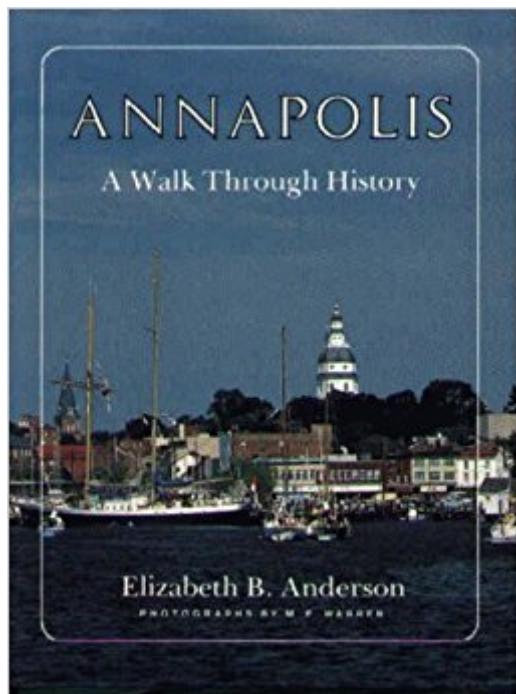


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Synopsis

Annapolis, one of America's outstanding colonial cities, is the capital of Maryland, the home of the U.S. Naval Academy, host to two of the largest boat shows in the country, and a vibrant town for tourist and resident alike. The city also offers a veritable architectural feast to the masses of visitors who meander through the centuries-old streets past impressively preserved buildings representing every period--Colonial, Georgian, Federal, Gothic Revival, Victorian, and Modern. These visitors can marvel at stately dwellings like the Hammond-Harwood and Paca Houses with their meticulously manicured formal gardens, or enjoy the more simple shops, row houses, and taverns lining the streets and alleys. This pocket guide puts the city's outstanding buildings in historical perspective and adds colorful facts to enhance enjoyment of them. It is spiced with delightful anecdotes of many early Annapolis inhabitants and enlightened by recent research. The text includes helpful maps and the superb photographs by M. E. Warren. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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Elizabeth B. Anderson grew up in the historic town of Alexandria, Virginia, where she came to love the charm and beauty of its older buildings. After moving to Annapolis, Maryland, Ms. Anderson worked as a tour guide with Historic Annapolis, Inc., Three Century Tours, and the Hammond-Harwood House. It was her love of history that laid the foundation for her book, Annapolis: A Walk Through History. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

For those of you who know Annapolis, this book will be essentially what you expect: It's an architectural guidebook arranged in 8 walking tours. Each entry includes a short descriptive essay, but better known landmarks get more substantial treatment. The essays present both architectural and historical contexts. Since Annapolis is a town on a walkable scale, the building selection is comprehensive. All of Annapolis' large colonial townhouses are well represented. There are only a few nice black & white photographs, and maps are purely functional. For those of you who are not familiar with Annapolis, or know it simply as the seat of the United States Naval Academy, you will be properly introduced with this book. Of course, the author assumes that you will have some interest in architectural history, which is the real feature of Maryland's little capital city. After the American Revolution, economic development shifted away from Annapolis to Baltimore, and left the wealthy, conservative little colonial port in a remarkable state of preservation. A similar dynamic occurred in Virginia with Williamsburg and Richmond. Don't buy this book expecting glossy color photography, for it is nothing of the sort. This is a book meant for architectural historians, local historians, and serious heritage tourists.

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