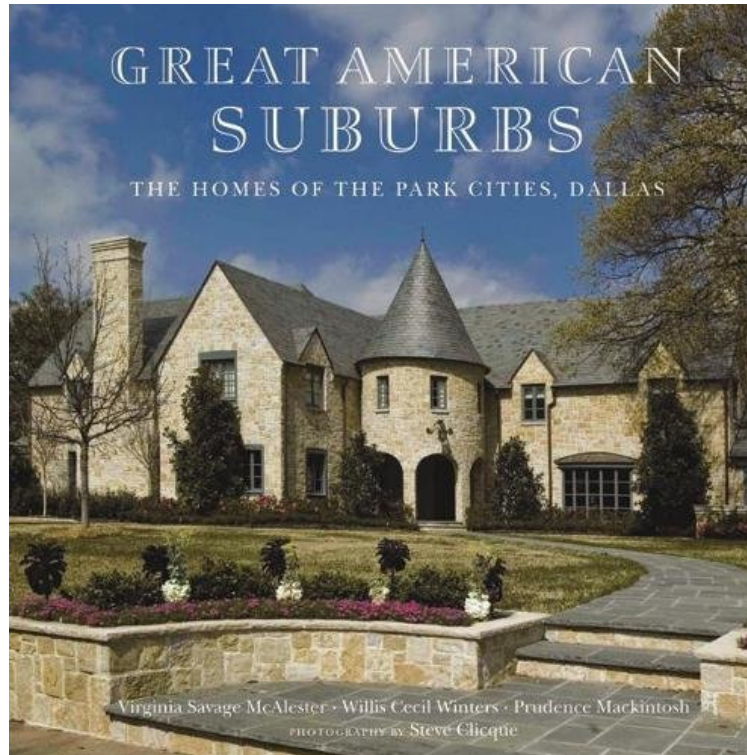


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HORRIBLE mess on the corner of Armstrong and Preston, really I think the city should purchase it and tear it down for a small park, but i digress. This book is a welcome addition to anyones collection, the images are beautiful and the history is enlightening. The book goes indepth on the history, I thought I knew everything about the formation of the Park Cities, but this book taught me quite alot I didnt know. I appreciated that the architects of the houses are given their due, and in the appendix, every house in the Park Cities is chronicled as to who was the architect of record. I appreciated the anectdotes such as the story of the owner of one of the most spectacular houses in dallas, getting the Highland Park city budget in the mail and thinking it was a bill, so she payed it; this is also the lady, who when approached by the Dallas Country Club about buying her mansion so that they could expand the golf course through her land, responded that, how about if she just bought the Dallas Country Club instead..lord, I would have loved to have met this woman. The author has done her homework and as a native to Dallas, she gives the subject the attention it deserves. No doubt this is one of the Great American suburbs, I think the Greatest.

A beautiful and comprehensive chronicle of two of Americas earliest and most luxurious suburbs: Highland Park and University Park, Texas, featuring over 300 fullcolor photographs. Dallas local Virginia McAlester, author of *A Field Guide to American Houses*, the classic book on the subject, and Abbevilles celebrated *Great American Houses and Their Architectural Styles*, teamed up with Prudence Mackintosh and Willis Cecil Winters to write *Homes of the Park Cities, Dallas*. This impressive and informative case study immerses readers into the architecture and culture, both past and present, of these classy neighborhoods. Illustrated with over 280 specially commissioned photographs, in addition to over 75 maps, graphs, and archival images, this insightful work covers the history and development of Dallass suburbs, as well as the architects who designed them. *Homes* also features several appendices, providing notes on how to preserve earlytwentieth century homes and a catalogue listing over 1,600 homes by address and architect. McAlester authored an additional appendix that illustrates the architectural styles found in *The Park Cities*, which run the gamut from Tudor and Colonial Revival to Minimal Traditional and MidCentury Modern. As grand as the houses it chronicles, *Homes of the Park Cities, Dallas* will fascinate architects, historians, suburbanites, and wouldbe suburbanites alike.

Praise for *The Homes of the Park Cities, Dallas*: For anyone clinging to the stereotype that the Park Cities are a monolith of Europeanderived design, Virginia McAlester gladly gives you an eyeopening visual tour of these historic hoods. As coauthor of *Great American Suburbs: The Homes of the Park Cities, Dallas*, McAlester scoured blueprints and archives in order to profile some 300 houses, which were sumptuously photographed by Stephen Clicque. *Modern Luxury Dallas: Interiors* This exhaustive, lively study of the Park Cities is a labor of love from three Dallasarea authorsthis volume's heft and enthusiastic documentation of street after street will go a long way toward reassuring new buyers that their property dollars can be safely invested in the leafy Park Cities, defended by such staunch preservationists. *Period Homes* magazine A volume with intellectual weight that matches its physical heftbeautifully designed and produced. *Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas*