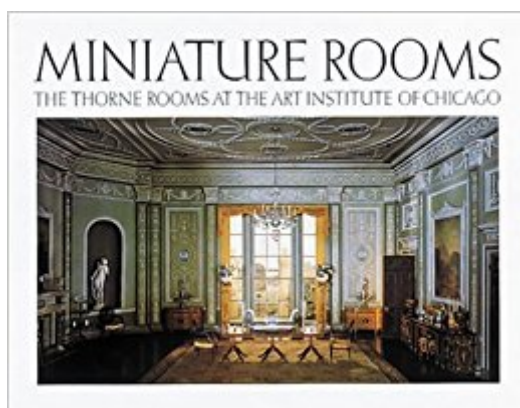


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# Miniature Rooms: The Thorne Rooms At The Art Institute Of Chicago



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This is an amazing collection, and of the two photo books on the Thorne Rooms this is the most reasonably priced. I have a number of books on miniatures and dollhouses, and this is a great addition to my collection. BTW, if you are in Chicago, there are two places to view exquisite miniatures - the realism of the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute, and the fantasy castle known as

Colleen Moore's Dollhouse at the Museum of Science & Industry. Both are a visual treat!

The details in the book are a perfect accompaniment to a visit to the actual Thorne room in Chicago. And while I think you have to make that trip to truly appreciate the scale and detail, the photos in the book are well done and as close as you'll otherwise get (VR version Chicago Art Museum?). I walked through Thorne room fully expecting to find these to be silly doll houses and that turned out to be further than the truth. Very impressive stuff. If you enjoy miniatures, probably a must have. If you just appreciate period architecture and detail it's still a must. And if you enjoy Wes Anderson movies like *Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *The Royal Tenenbaums* you'll see the inspiration these rooms gave those films (in fact, there's a quote from Wes on the wall in the gallery).

This book is beautiful. It's the perfect gift for the miniature/dollhouse lover in your life. Chock full of fascinating descriptions of how these rooms were made, the staff Ms. Thorne used to help her build these things out, and by the end of it, had me wanting to go cut up some balsa wood and make something tiny... the rooms cover so many areas of history. I really loved the 1930s penthouse. The photographs are stunning and the book is full of them. Get this book!! You will not be sorry.

Great book. It's a nice way to remember the wonderful miniature rooms at the Chicago Art Museum

If you've ever visited the Art Institute and wished that you could spend more time enjoying the Thorne Rooms, this book is a way for you to visit them as often as you would like. "Miniature Rooms" begins with a brief history of Mrs. Thorne and how the rooms came to be. The rest of the book is a complete catalog of the Rooms, divided into two sections - the European rooms and the American rooms. Every room is beautifully photographed from at least two angles, using the existing lighting in the rooms so that each has the same realistic quality enjoyed in the Institute. Along with each photograph is a description of the room and its furnishings. I would recommend "Miniature Rooms" to anyone who enjoys the Art of Miniatures.

I saw this book in the gift shop at the Art Institute, but decided to buy a used version on . Paid about 1/5 of the cost of the museum price. The book is fascinating. So many details to discover in these rooms that I didn't have time to absorb in my one day visit to the Institute. Such beautiful photos. LOVE IT!

Got this for my wife. She loves it.

Nice book

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