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Beirut City Center



Synopsis

The Lebanese Civil War dominated life in Beirut from 1975 until 1990. When it ended, a massive rebuilding began, with the goal of making its Central District the finest city center in the Middle East. In 2002 Larry E. McPherson was commissioned to document this transition. Between 2002 and 2004 he spent a total of six months there, and his understated, visually affectionate photographs convey the natural beauty of Beirut's position between the Mediterranean and Lebanon's snow covered mountains. Beirut City Center encompasses archeological sites made into public areas, gardens, perfectly restored Ottoman and French architecture, and elegantly integrated new construction, and conveys both the practical and symbolic importance of building again.

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Customer Reviews

What a delightful book! Am truly enjoying it!

I am writing this review as a Beirut lover, after i visited this wonderful city last year. First of all, the photo on the cover is somehow misleading, as i was under the impression that at least part of the photos presented in this book would be a little unconventional, like the cover one. And the fact that many of the photographs were taken under a long exposure, the streets seem deserted, and give a feeling of ghost town. My point of view is that this book presents some beautiful, rather conventional, documentary photos. So my 3 star rating is because i was expecting something else.

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