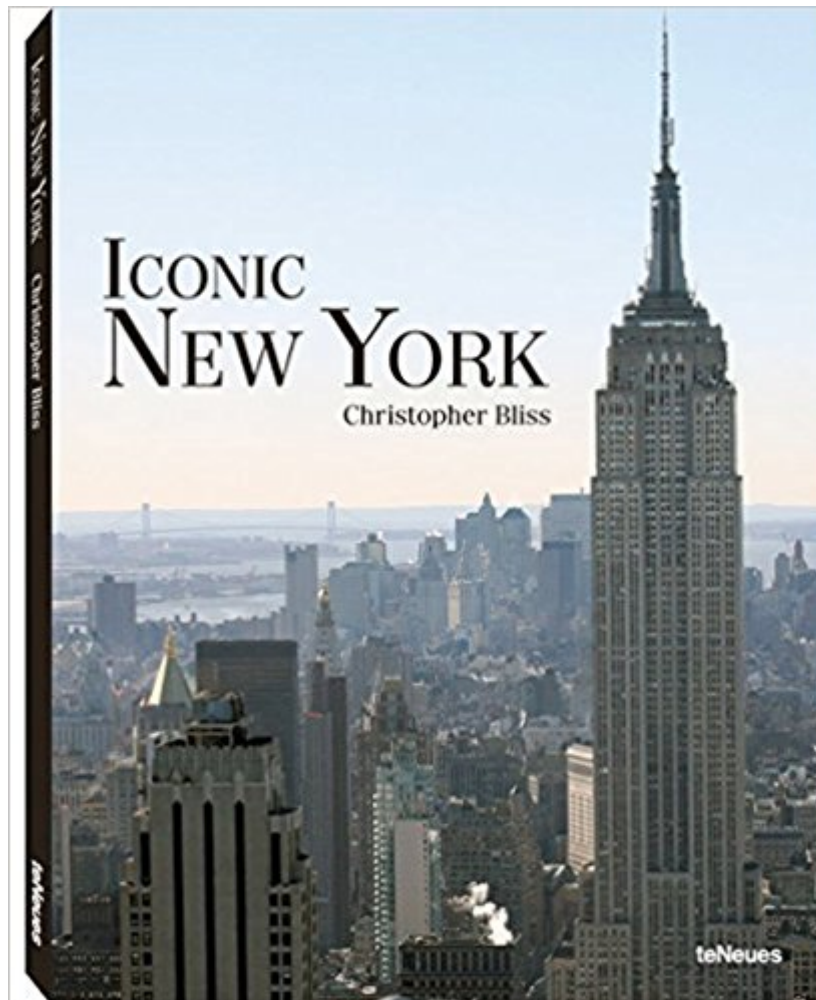




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Iconic New York (English, German, French, Spanish And Italian Edition)



Synopsis

Few cities can spark our imaginations the way New York does. Its name buzzes almost as much as the city itself. Famed for both its hectic pace and for being a melting pot of cultures and ideas, this truly is the world's ultimate metropolis. As a New York native, photographer Christopher Bliss understands the city as only an insider could. This dramatic overview captures the city's essence with images of its architecture, landmarks, its streets and populace. From the New Museum to the Chrysler Building and the majesty of Central Park, each of the city's characteristic moods is captured upon the pages of this unique book. Here you'll find everything that makes New York so distinctly New York.

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Customer Reviews

Awesome pictures, I bought it as a gift and the person who received it just loved it! Is a great book to admire NY and it's architecture or just use it as a decorating item in your desk! I loved it so much that I intend to buy it again for myself.

This book is almost exactly what I was looking for. It has amazing pictures in black and white and shows NY now and in the past. Only thing is I wish it had descriptions with the pictures so I knew what I was looking at.

This is another beautiful book highlighting all the sights in the greatest city in the country, New York!

Whenever I get nostalgic and miss New York, I spend time revisiting all the wonderful places in NY.

Beautiful photos

Awesome book

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Christopher Bliss is a photographer who understands architectural landscapes and probably few other photographers have been able to capture the spectrum of styles, changes, majesty, and assembled mass as Bliss. This book is simply images. Yes there is a brief but poignant introduction by Former Mayor Ed Koch suggesting why New York is unique among the cities of the world and myriad reasons why this is so (in five languages), but the remainder of the portfolio is devoted to the visual impact that New York has made on Christopher Bliss. As part of Koch's comments he reflects 'The three parks that I am in love with are Central Park, the most famous park in the world, Union Square Park, where people gathered to search for survivors of 9/11 and passed around pictures of missing relatives, and Washington Square Park, a neighborhood park which exists in Greenwich Village across the street from where I live.' Most of Koch's essay is a love affair with the city, and that is the reason for the significance of the title of this new Bliss collection - Iconic New York. The images are in both crystalline black and white and full color and it becomes obvious that there is an unwritten narrative in progress as the book opens with views of the Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi 1885 sculpture, The Statue of Liberty, a gift of appreciation from France to the United States that continues to stand boldly as a welcoming beacon of promise to the immigrants of the world. From there Bliss takes us through the noise of the city, with images of rushing people and cars accompanying the slowly elevated view of the superstructures above the level of the land. From both aerial shots to images composed on the ground Bliss manages to highlight the extraordinary museum of architecture the city presents to the viewer, calling our attention to periods of style in design and building art that walking the sidewalks fails to unveil. The bridges, the parks, the waterways, the park benches of people, the little stores, the vistas of the entire skyline, the images of the arts institutions, photographs by day and by night - rarely have we been so fortunate to see this much of the megalopolis. But in addition to the sheer grandeur of the special place named New York, NY Christopher Bliss manages to insert the human vantage, making this monograph invitingly personal as well as being a profound survey of urban architectural history. This new book

becomes the source for dreams and for memories of a great city. Grady Harp, November 11

"The skyscrapers exist in New York City because of a special rock called schist which is so strong that it will hold our skyscrapers in their foundations." ~ Edward Koch
Christopher Bliss has effectively captured the spirit of New York in this beautiful collection of his photographs. If you love seeing New York in movies then this will be a very exciting book to view. If you live in New York or have been there then this will be a collectable book you will want to own. I enjoyed seeing pictures of the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Union Square, Times Square and Rockefeller Center. The churches and parks were also very appealing. What I wished for while viewing this book was an explanation of each place, perhaps a little history or an interesting fact. I would not have minded if the pictures had been a little smaller and some room had been made for text. But this book works well as a coffee table book.~The Rebecca Review

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