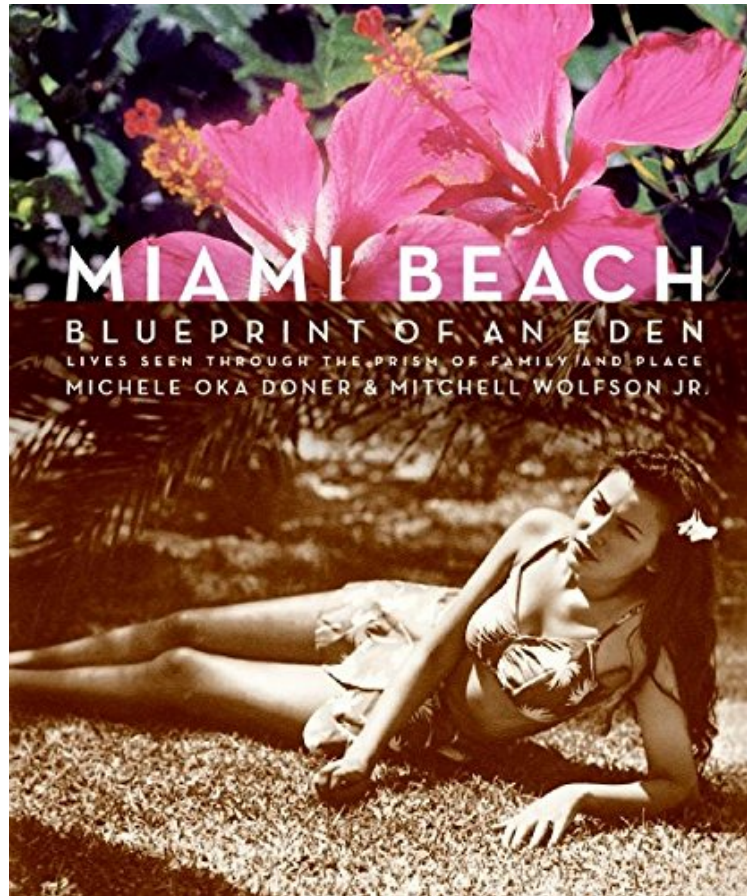


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Michele Oka Doner, Mitchell Wolfson : Miami Beach: Blueprint of an Eden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Miami Beach: Blueprint of an Eden:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Miami Beach:Blueprint of an Eden.By Jose LopezThe book is a quick read and majority of it black and white,there are blueprints and some very good rare photos,there is a caption referring to the times as the cold war etc. didn't impress me and the photos of the Miami Beach Jaycees carrying FDR's Fascistic War Slogans,rumors start ...Our Enemies,etc. (Many people do not realize even though this was a time of war,FDR was a Fascist,the New Deal was.) . the book nonetheless is very interesting although very heavy on the botanical side,artsy elitist types, and on fashion,galas,what she is wearing etc.,my favorite is the WTVJ CHANNEL 4(then ch.4/Wometco,etc) photos and the fountainbleu spread.Nice big hardcover with No dustjacket. Can't complain I got a new copy for \$3 from the store.I recommend reading Miami Beach Memories.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Glamour and nostalgiaBy Barbara S. BrookesSo many personal memories came to life because of this lovely book. There are many other readers like me who grew up in Miami Beach and perhaps also danced around the Maypole in North Beach Elementary. I especially liked the glamorous photos - the movie star quality of Gertrude

Oka - and the dressed-up glitz of Miami Beach's image, where fur stoles were a must. There were pictures of many wonderful buildings, and many of these were given depth by architectural drawings and historical comments. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great PicturesBy L. WerlauLove the stories photos are from time pasted. Big heavy book...makes a great coffee table book. A must have.

Miami Beach is the story of an extraordinary time and place, told through the prism of two founding families, the Wolfsons and the Okas. The authors' fathers were each mayors of Miami Beach, one in the 1940s and the other in the '50s and early '60s, and their mothers were prominent first ladies, who regularly welcomed the crme de la crme of society to their enchanting city. The Wolfsons' and Okas' exhaustive family archives provide a rich cultural, architectural, political, social, botanical, stylistic, gastronomic, geological, and poetic history of the contemporary phenomenon that is Miami Beach. At once an intimate memoir, a sprawling history, and a work of great artistic integrity, Miami Beach invites you to step back into a world so visual, mythical, and filled with family lore that its local intensity illuminates a national character.

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