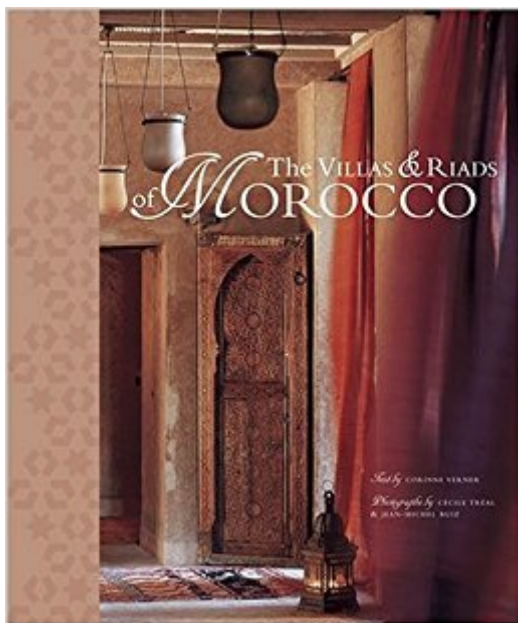


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# The Villas And Riads Of Morocco



## Synopsis

The austere facades that line the labyrinthine streets of Morocco's ancient walled neighborhoods reveal almost nothing of the luminous residences within. *The Villas and Riads of Morocco* lifts the veil on these secret paradises, from fantastic palaces in Fez and Essaouira to middle-class riads in Marrakech to converted casbahs in the southern oases. With more than 200 stunning photographs, this beautiful volume takes us behind the scenes to explore a side of Morocco that is largely hidden to outsiders. The book showcases exquisite interiors that combine rich materials such as cedar and marble; luxurious carpets and textiles; filigree carving and other handiwork; and vibrant color palettes. Also featured is the remarkable mosaicwork found especially in the central courtyard gardens and patios that form the heart of the Moroccan house. Accompanying these sumptuous views is a vivid history of the country's residential architecture and its fascinating mix of Andalusian, Arab, and Saharan influences. *The Villas and Riads of Morocco* not only offers a feast for the eyes but also illuminates an entire culture. **AUTHOR BIO:** Corinne Verner is a cultural anthropologist who lives in Marrakech. She is also a scriptwriter and has written a documentary film series for television. Cécile Tréal and Jean-Michel Ruiz are photojournalists and members of the Gamma and Hoa-Qui agencies. They have spent many years in Casablanca and have collaborated on several publications on Morocco, Madagascar, and the Maghreb.

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Beautiful to flick through or sit with to while away the hours. Would make a fantastic coffee table book. The photos give glimpses not just of outdoor views but of personal daily life - a tethered

donkey, a view through an ajar door, iron work gates, street and bazaar scenes. There are glorious colours - blues, terracotas, white walls - of the magnificent tiled surfaces. Stunning woodwork. I would personally prefer more outdoor views of courtyards, but this book is delightful. For courtyards I recommend "Morocco Courtyards and Gardens" by Achva Benzinberg Stein which gives details on specific gardens.

Following a recent tour to the Imperial Cities of Morocco I wanted to read more about the parts of the country that were not available to tourists. This book provided the answers. The writing is poetic and the photos were stunning. In addition to the writing style, enough background history was included that it felt like a "second" trip. I highly recommend owning the book and am very glad to have discovered it.

The photography of this book is truly amazing, such masterpiece and delight, some of the images are quite art pieces to which I am drawn time and time again to steal another pick. I like especially the ones with people in them who are caught in the mid of their daily chores, it simply reveals astonishing moments. In confession I must say that I bought additionally three more books of the same category in depiction of Moroccan architecture and styles, but this book definitely stands out.

Arrived in great shape.

I've always been fascinated with Morocco and plan to visit in the near future. This is a beautifully illustrated book that gives one an "inside" look at this enchanting country. A great read.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The text is well written and the chapters are organized by city with architectural varying accordingly.

Nice book with good pictures.

I showed it to my students. I explained to them about type of construction in Morocco. Gives ideas of design.

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