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Secret Society: Modern Speakeasy Style And Design



Synopsis

Gaining access into worlds hitherto unknown is a most intoxicating privilege. In an era when even the most obscure knowledge is widely available, secrecy contains major cache. Perhaps this is why, well past the Prohibition era, the contemporary speakeasy thrives, albeit under the radar. These destinations, infused with an illicit, festive atmosphere, admit only the most discerning, daring, and in the know night crawler. In this beautifully illustrated book we will reveal the coordinates of some of the world's most exclusive hotspots that speak volumes to the true nightlife connoisseur. Through photographs and interviews with elite nightlife impresarios, SECRET SOCIETY takes us on a journey into an alluring underground culture.

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Customer Reviews

Christian Alexander is a noted arbiter of nightlife culture, with over twenty years of experience as an exclusive concierge for A-List celebs. As the NY Post describes, His phone number is passed around the country like the password to a secret club for the mega-cool. His family has ties that go back to Chicago's Prohibition era, and many of his relatives have had careers in the entertainment industry, so it's no wonder that Alexander lives and breathes the society of the night. His involvement is extensive not only in New York but around the globe, jetting off to every major cosmopolitan city to bring his own brand of cool to events and collaborations. Alexander's insider status makes him an invaluable curator of a book on the subject.

This elegantly done book is plush with beautiful photography of and views into the domains of the night life elite. Christian Alexander has created a wonderful album for those who have been to and a rare glimpse into the world, mindset, and breathtaking interior design, embodied in those exclusive clubs and night spots of the 'Secret Society'.

Love this book! It has secret places all over the world including my home, New York City! Amazing, interesting and insight on the coolest places in town

Purchased this book 4 times

While the content of this books is really interesting and cool, I was disappointed by the cover. This photo really makes you think it is bound in fabric which was really intriguing for a book fetishist. Nope... it is printed and looks actually lame in comparison. I don't know if this is a photo of a limited addition plush cover binding or something, but just know that the book that you'll be getting won't have that.

Was able to get my hands on a preview copy of Secret Society and was blown away not only by the content of the book, but also by the overall presentation. The photography is brilliant and stunning. The interviews are amazing and compelling (still not sure how the author was able to get interviews with some of the most powerful and influential people in the global nightlife scene, but it is impressive to say the least). And the book itself is a true work of art. I really enjoyed getting to peer "behind the scenes" and get a glimpse at all of the hidden speakeasies that the elite and ultra-stylish frequent in NYC and around the world. Since I will likely get to visit only a few of these hidden gems in my lifetime, I appreciated the insiders view that the book elegantly provides. What is also exceedingly cool about the book is that it does not give you the exact locations of these hidden bars and lounges, but does provide you with the latitude and longitude. So if you have a GPS-enabled device handy, you can find the approximate location of each establishment. You will likely still not have much luck getting inside without knowing someone (unless you are in some way connected), but you can certainly admire the facade and imagine what the cool kids are doing inside. I leafed through the book for over an hour and found it gripping....was hard to put down. And then I went back and leafed through it again the next day. Compelling images, stories and content kept me coming back for more. Also showed it to a buddy of mine who is somewhat of a player in the New York nightlife scene and he said the book is "spot on" in terms of accurately representing all of the

coolest/hippest/hottest speakeasy style bars in NYC and around the world. This book would make a great gift for fans of: 1. Art 2. Music 3. Interior design 3. Global Nightlife 4. NY Nightlife 5. Hidden gems 6. History of Prohibition 7. Speakeasy History & Culture and 8. People who like to display beautiful books on their shelves or coffee tables that serve as excellent conversation starters. I happen to be a big fan of all of the above, thus the glowing review of Secret Society. By the way, the price tag is somewhat high at \$125, but when you hold the massive book in your hands, feel the quality of the binding, paper, printing and the very cool and ornate outer sleeve that protects the book itself, you will have one of those "you get what you pay for moments" and will be happy with the investment.

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