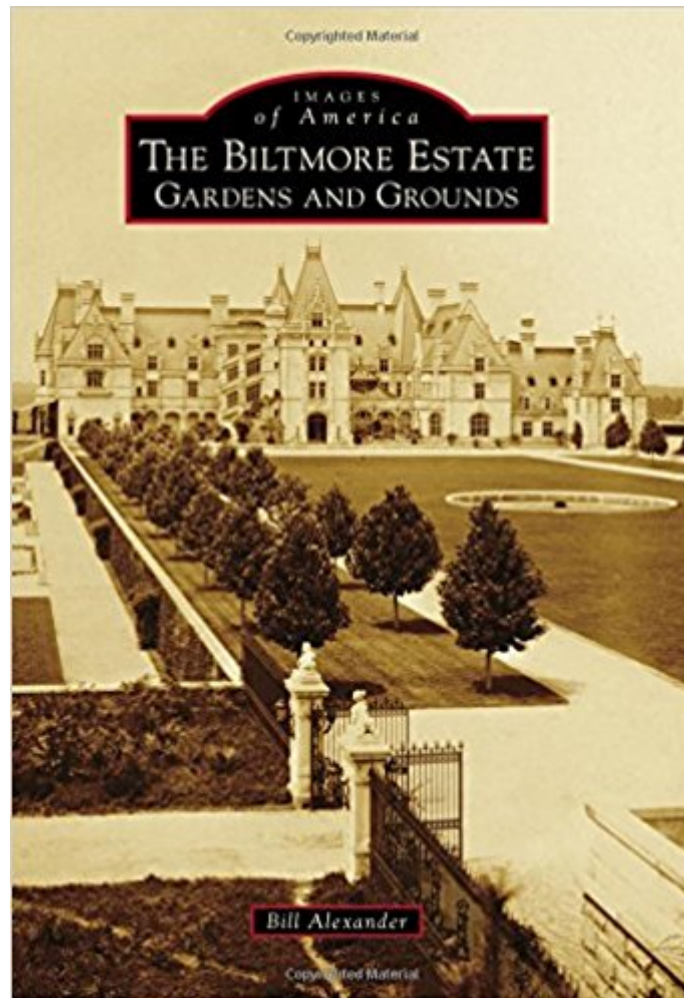




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Synopsis

In the spring of 1888, George Washington Vanderbilt returned to New York after spending weeks exploring the countryside near Asheville, North Carolina. Thinking it was the perfect place to build his home, Vanderbilt promptly sent his agent to begin quietly buying contiguous tracts of land until he had several thousand acres. Soon, he began constructing what would become America's largest private residence. He commissioned two of America's preeminent designers, architect Richard Morris Hunt and landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, to collaborate with him in planning his estate, which he named Biltmore. To complement the 250-room French Renaissance "style chateau, Olmsted worked closely with Hunt to create a vast landscape of pleasure gardens and grounds with miles of scenic drives through parklands, productive farms, and the country's first scientifically managed forest. Today, Biltmore is a National Historic Landmark privately owned by Vanderbilt's descendants.

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A lifelong resident of Asheville, landscape and forest historian Bill Alexander has worked at Biltmore for 37 years. He is the author of two other books, *The Biltmore Nursery: A Botanical Legacy* and *Images of America: Around Biltmore Village*. For *The Biltmore Estate: Gardens and Grounds*, Alexander has drawn from his extensive knowledge and research of Biltmore Estate's archives and various other sources.

A much appreciated addition to my Biltmore collection. Similar in format to the earlier Rickman book but with some photos I've never seen before. Repeats some photos from Rickman but not too many. Highly recommend for the serious Biltmore enthusiast.

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