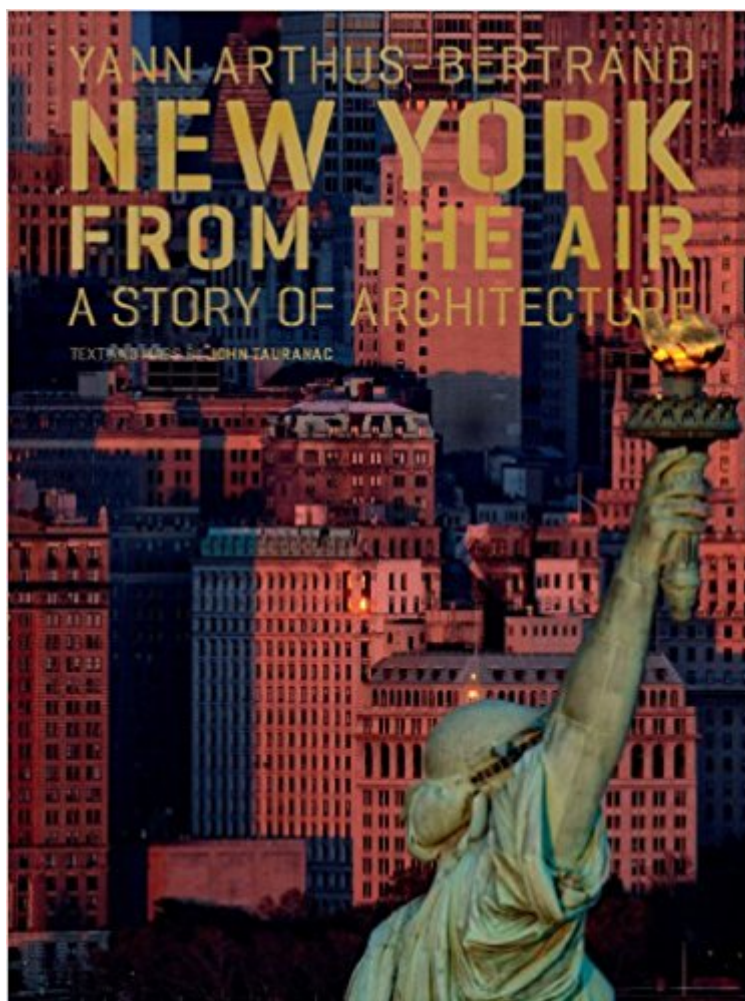


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Synopsis

Completely updated with new photographs and text, *New York from the Air* is a lush, romantic, and ultimately hopeful tribute to one of the most thrilling cities in history. World-renowned bestselling photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand "shooting from vantage points few people ever attain" presents the power and beauty of Manhattan's amazing skyscrapers, the bucolic joys of Central Park, the majesty of the Upper West Side's castle-like apartment buildings, and much, much more. This new edition includes unpublished photographs of landmarks built since the 2003 edition. New York historian and cartographer John Tauranac's lively commentaries lead readers on a truly spectacular tour from above the city that never sleeps. Praise for *New York from the Air*: "No one, though, has revealed New York from above as vividly as Yann Arthus-Bertrand, the Paris-based photographer who has made a career of providing a heavenly perspective on the planet Earth. In his book, *New York from the Air: A Story of Architecture* (Abrams), he invokes Sartre in the preface, and transforms even the most ordinary street-level scenes into majestic, abstract cityscapes." "New York Times" "Above IT ALL. *New York from the Air* hits new heights with fresh photos of an ever-evolving city." "New York Daily News"

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Customer Reviews

The book consists of excellent full-page photographs of widely known Manhattan landmark buildings (other New York boroughs are not included) taken from unusual perspectives not accessible by pedestrian. Someone complained in a previous review that most pictures were taken during dawn

and dusk. I think that lighting was very carefully considered and significantly contributes to the beauty of the photographs. Description is relatively short, it is a photographic book, not a city guide. The photographs are much more artistic than in Robert Cameron's book "Above New York", which, in contrast, includes also other New York boroughs and photographs cover larger areas (not single buildings) and are taken during flat mid-day light.

I enjoy visiting New York City, primarily Manhattan. The buildings and parks fascinate me. "NY from the air" offers great photographs of the skyline, buildings and parks from a perspective I will never see in person. The book is like a Child's book for adults. Lots of photographs and maps with enough text to explain the scene as well as some of its history. Most of the photographs are of Manhattan, and they make good use of the lighting. This is a great book for those who live in NYC, Visit NYC or wish to see NYC. It is educational as well as a delight to view.

I love this book. Not only does it include magnificent photos of the City, it includes comprehensive descriptions on each photo. Each page even includes a small map noting the corresponding locations. One of the best!

A Christmas gift for my dad, and I want one for myself now! The photographs are stunning on their own, but the book's layout literally covers all of New York City, and the author's background makes for really informative text about the buildings we see in the photographs.

I bought this book because of my adoration for the City of New York, and the beautiful picture on the front. Those looking for an in-depth history of NYC or more of a "hands-on" book, should look elsewhere. This book provides what the title suggests. It is a brief introduction to the vast world that is New York City. The photography is beautiful, although sometimes blurry at edges. There are small paragraphs explaining what you are looking at. Most of the main attractions are covered (Empire State Building, Central Park, Harlem, Greenwich Village, etc), as well as some others that I didn't know about, but had my eyes opened to. I will definitely be more prepared and educated as I go to NYC next time. The only complaint is that most of the coverage is of Manhattan, and its attractions and not so much of the other parts of New York, as the book suggests. This was fine by me, as I was mostly interested in Manhattan anyway, but could mislead others. I would highly recommend this book if you like the city of New York, or are planning a trip there. This could be a great supplement as it gives you a different view of the city, one that you can't get just by being

there. A view from the air.

Notable for important buildings omitted- the good (Grand Central Terminal, Manhattan Post Office,) and the bad (Madison Square Garden, Port Authority Bus Terminal.) To often we are only looking at the top 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, or even much less of the buildings. A rare exception is when we see a building down to the street such as with The Flat Iron Building. Having worked in every area of Manhattan makes the book a worthwhile investment, but if one is not aware of Manhattan neighborhoods, I would recommend a pass as the selectivity of buildings and and soupy color of the photos does not justify the investment.

Like its fabulous brother, Paris from above, this book possesses breathtaking visuals. New York, like Paris, photographs well. New York, with its spectacular skyscrapers, and gorgeous parks, is a arial photographers dream. Arthus Bertrand, captures the city and his images are so vivid and clear. It's amazing to see many of the iconic skyscrapers photographed from overhead instead of from ground level or from other skyscrapers. I appreciated how close he photographs some of the buildings you can almost see the original masons markings on the stones, it's just total eye candy. If you have a love for this great city or just appreciate great photograph and vivid visuals the I believe you will enjoy this book, really the next best thing to being there.

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