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Synopsis

This handy format showcases Chicago's greatest sites and views, including four gatefolds of breathtaking panoramic beauty that capture the visual paradoxes and triumphs of this famous city by the lake. Visalli photographs the architectural masterpieces famous throughout the world—from Louis Sullivan's ornamental facades to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's sleek office towers—as well as the works of the new generation of the Chicago School of Architecture. But Chicago is about more than buildings: Visalli shoots the dark girders of the El, the taverns open all night, and the pomp of Michigan Avenue. With more than 200 images, Chicago captures the visual paradoxes and triumphs of this great American city.

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Customer Reviews

Sicilian-born photographer Visalli offers a rousing portrayal of the Windy City, sharing striking images of Chicago's beaches, ballparks and buildings. The full-color images are divided roughly by neighborhood, with short blocks of text (featuring quotes from actors, musicians and poets) interspersed throughout. Visalli's strength lies in his attention to detail, which can be seen in his close-up of the facade of the Rookery Building, built in 1886; or in his depiction of the gold lettering that graces the front of the famous Pizzeria Uno restaurant. Many of these shots were taken on brilliantly sunny days, so that the shining skyscrapers jump out against blue skies (although the image of fog rising above Lake Michigan on a cold November day is also striking). And Visalli shows off images of famous landmarks, such as Navy Pier and the Wrigley Building, as well as

lesser-known sights, like the 1960s-style parking garage that towers above the Chicago River, and Marc Chagall's vibrant mural The Four Seasons, on First National Plaza. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

For Italian photojournalist Visalli, Chicago is heroic buildings set against earth, water, and sky. Few neighborhoods, indeed few people in spite of WBBM-TV anchorman Bill Kurtis's down-home introduction intrude on Visalli's elemental vision of the metropolis. This magnificently reproduced assemblage of over 200 color photographs, taken over the course of a year, are syncopated with "quotable quotes" from Chicago writers and visitors. What emerges is an oddly matched fusion of photo and text, a city portrait more architectural than urban. For regional collections. Annette Melville, Research Libraries Group, Stanford, Cal. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Each year, in August, we provide lodging in our home for church Pastors attending a local conference. We've hosted from South Africa, Singapore, Brazil, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, and Norway to list just a few. Our guests always want to go to Chicago, which many call Center City, as in their countries that is what the main city is called. We always give them a copy of this book with some encouraging words and prayers written inside as a keepsake of their visit.

For a visit to overseas family (English is not their first language), we purchased a few of these volumes as gifts. The photos are beautiful and they can get a sense of Chicago without having to read any English. Perfect.

This is a great little book of photographs of Chicago. I bought several to give visitors to the city, and they were very well-received. High quality pictures and a convenient size for travel.

Great item for a good price. Thanks for an excellent service.

Good pictorial book of a beautiful city.

We bought this as a hostess gift for a recent trip overseas. The photos are beautiful and she could

get a sense of Chicago without having to read any English. Perfect way to share our love for our wonderful city.

Chicago is such a beautiful, varied, and architecturally rich city. I felt like this book didn't capture the beauty of Chicago like it could have. I also felt that the photography was not entirely professional in appearance.

Very happy with the entire transaction and was wanting exactly this item. Very happy with it all....

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