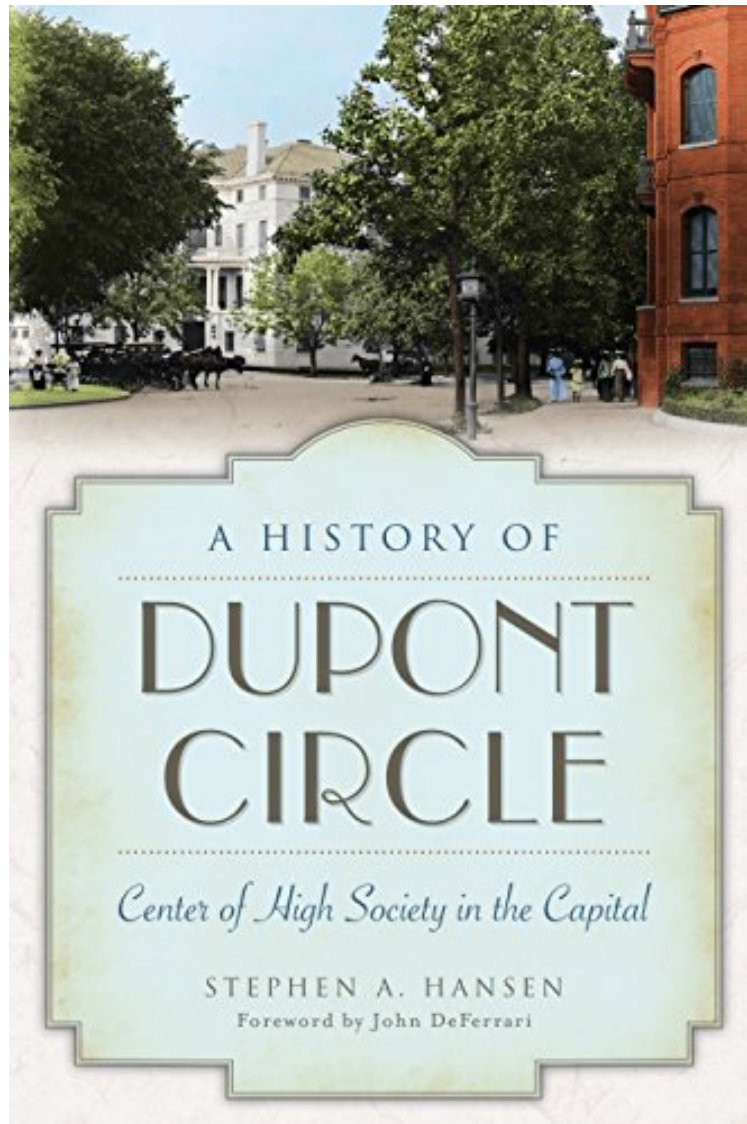


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and who lived were. My grandmother was singer and she would point out the churches in Dupont and around DC where she gave concerts. Now that my mom is gone I want to learn and relive that history of DC, so much of the DC she knew and I knew is gone, when they put in the subway because DC failed to have a historic preservation. This book gives us back that history, and reminds and helps us understand the people and those who built those homes and believed in DC. Its a bit dry in places but go past that and read about those who staked their claim in DC. Im also looking forward to reading his book on Kalorama.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. dupont circleBy Charlene H. Smithmy grandparents lived on conn and r street in dc. I used to walk down to DuPont circle as a child. we went to visit my grandparents on a monthly vacation. I used to take my boston terrier down to DuPont circle. my grandfathers bank was on the circle. there were so many pretty houses and some gift shops. style dating back to thirties. the circle changed as time went by. I wanted to learn more and this book had some wonderful history. a lot I did not know. I think the bank was riggs bank. I recommend this book. I fyou know the park as I do it will even be better.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Information but Dry DeliveryBy M. MurphyIt's just okay - I saw the author giving a lecture on TV (Cspan? or PBS) recently. Not the most exciting of lecturers, but I was interested in the subject matter,having been born in D.C. and although I don't live there now I do visit frequently and really enjoy reading about the history - especially the architecture. Unfortunately the book is about as dry as the lecture. The information is there but it's a bit of an effort wading through it. Actually I put it down because it was really getting a bit boring, but I expect I'll get a second inspiration and pick it up again.

During the Gilded Age, Dupont Circle was Washington's undisputed center of wealth, power and status. Over twenty years, it evolved from small farms and an overrun city cemetery to a community of grand homes for society's elite. Residents included future president William Taft, inventor Alexander Graham Bell, newspaper publisher Cissy Patterson and many more. From the intimate dinners and receptions of the Cave Dwellers to the lavish balls of Mary Townsend and others in the "smart set," Dupont Circle marked each social season in the capital. Satirized in Mark Twain's novel "The Gilded Age," the nouveau riche lifestyle of Dupont Circle was fodder for newspaper celebrity gossip. Author Stephen Hansen brings to life the intriguing history of Washington's famed Dupont Circle.

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