LOST PLANTATIONS OF THE SOUTH
by Marc R. Matrana

A great majority of the South's plantation homes have been destroyed over time, and many have long been forgotten. In Lost Plantations of the South, Marc R. Matrana intertwines old photographs, architectural sketches, diaries, letters and other rare documents to tell the stories of 60 lost plantations and the people who once called them home.

From plantations that were destroyed by natural disaster to those that were intentionally demolished, Matrana brings these lost mansions to radiating life on these pages. Featuring more than 100 elegant archival illustrations, this book explores the powerful and complex histories of these important homes across the South.

If you are a fan of historical architecture, you will love this book. It examines the root causes of the demise of these plantations and provides insight that can help prevent future destruction of these irreplaceable historic treasures. Every old home has a story, and Lost Plantations of the South carefully tracks the histories of the plantations from the earliest days of development to the often embroiled modern-day efforts to preserve them. It is a beautifully-illustrated history of the grand Southern plantation homes lost to war, disaster, neglect and yes, even progress.

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ADAPTING CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO A CHANGING WORLD
by Lara J. Hansen and Jennifer R. Hoffman

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FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE CIVIL WAR:
AN ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GUIDE
by Kelby Ouchley

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