# Doo Wop Motels: Architectural Treasures of the Wildwoods

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the vibrant world of doo wop motels, architectural gems that have dotted the shores of the Wildwoods, New Jersey, since the 1950s. These iconic motels, with their whimsical designs and nostalgic charm, offer a unique blend of history, kitsch, and summer fun.



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Wildwoodsby Kirk Hastings★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.6 out of 5Language: EnglishFile size: 38246 KBText-to-Speech: EnabledScreen Reader: SupportedEnhanced typesetting : EnabledWord Wise: Enabled

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In this captivating book, "Doo Wop Motels: Architectural Treasures of the Wildwoods," author and photographer Mark Seth Lender takes readers on a visual journey through these beloved landmarks. Through stunning photographs and engaging text, Lender captures the essence of these architectural treasures, showcasing their vibrant colors, playful shapes, and the stories that lie within their walls.

From the iconic Surfside Motel, with its signature wave-shaped roofline, to the Starlux Motel, a beacon of mid-century modern design, each motel is a testament to the imaginative spirit of the post-World War II era. Lender delves into the history of each motel, tracing its origins and the visionaries who brought it to life. He uncovers the stories of the families who ran these motels, creating a vibrant tapestry of human experiences.

Beyond the architectural wonders, "Doo Wop Motels" also explores the cultural significance of these landmarks. These motels were not just places to sleep; they were hubs of social activity, where families and friends gathered to create lasting memories. Lender captures the spirit of these bygone days, evoking the sounds of laughter, the smell of popcorn, and the excitement of summer nights.

The book is not only a celebration of architecture but also a tribute to the enduring power of nostalgia. The doo wop motels of the Wildwoods evoke a time of innocence, optimism, and carefree summer days. Through Lender's evocative writing and stunning photography, readers can relive the golden age of these architectural treasures.

Whether you are an architecture enthusiast, a history buff, or simply someone who appreciates the beauty of retro design, "Doo Wop Motels: Architectural Treasures of the Wildwoods" is a must-have. It is a coffee table book that will transport you to a bygone era, a visual feast that will inspire and delight.

So, grab a copy of this extraordinary book and embark on a nostalgic journey through the vibrant world of doo wop motels. Discover the

architectural wonders of the Wildwoods, immerse yourself in their rich history, and let the spirit of summer fill your heart.

#### About the Author

Mark Seth Lender is an award-winning author, photographer, and conservationist. His work has been featured in numerous publications, including National Geographic, Smithsonian, and The New York Times. Lender is known for his passion for preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Jersey Shore, and his book "Doo Wop Motels: Architectural Treasures of the Wildwoods" is a testament to his commitment to documenting the region's unique history.

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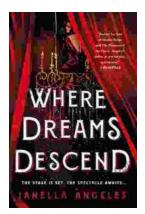


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