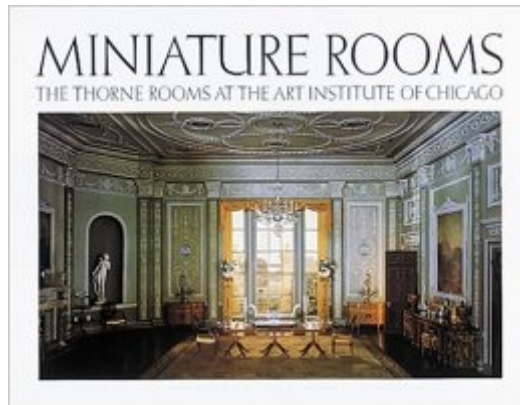


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# Miniature Rooms: The Thorne Rooms At The Art Institute Of Chicago



## Synopsis

There has been generations of visitors to The Art Institute of Chicago that have been entranced by the Thorne Miniature Rooms. Painstakingly constructed to a one inch to one foot. They have fascinating models that recreate 68 European and American interiors from the 16th to 20th century. These rooms were conceived by Ms. James Ward Thorne, who carefully were researched with every detail. They had a master craftsmen execute the pieces to her exacting specifications. Each room in this book is reproduced in color.

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## Customer Reviews

If you've ever visited the Art Institute and wished that you could spend more time enjoying the Thorne Rooms, this book is a way for you to visit them as often as you would like. "Miniature Rooms" begins with a brief history of Mrs. Thorne and how the rooms came to be. The rest of the book is a complete catalog of the Rooms, divided into two sections - the European rooms and the American rooms. Every room is beautifully photographed from at least two angles, using the existing lighting in the rooms so that each has the same realistic quality enjoyed in the Institute. Along with each photograph is a description of the room and its furnishings. I would recommend "Miniature Rooms" to anyone who enjoys the Art of Miniatures.

I had not heard anything about the Thorne rooms before, so when I received this book as a gift, I became completely enthralled with the images that were captured. As an avid lover of historic

preservation and the decorative arts, I really appreciate how Mrs. Thorne captured the different historical eras in the fashion and furnishings of each room. It is truly amazing how detailed each room is. If you love historic preservation and/or miniatures, then this book is a must see and read!

I saw this book in the gift shop at the Art Institute, but decided to buy a used version on . Paid about 1/5 of the cost of the museum price. The book is fascinating. So many details to discover in these rooms that I didn't have time to absorb in my one day visit to the Institute. Such beautiful photos. LOVE IT!

The only thing better than this book in describing the Thorne Rooms are the rim boxes themselves. I purchased this book in the mid 1980's, and my family and I still love to peruse its pages 30 years later. We just took our adult kids to Chicago for the first time and visited the Thorne Rooms. They were as captivated as my wife and I have been. The newer books on the rooms are not as good photographically.

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