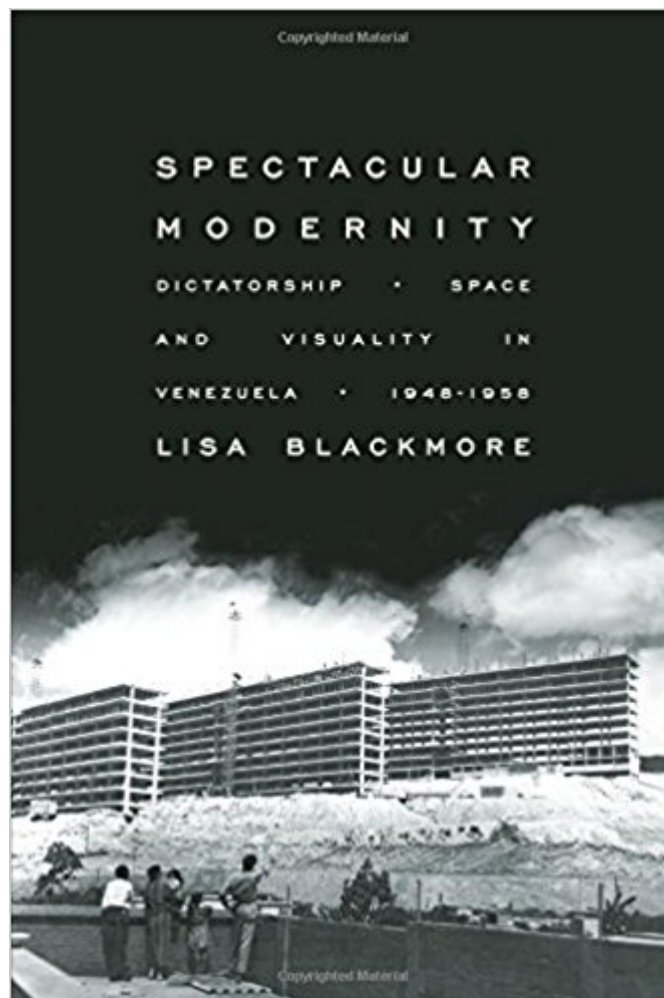


The book was found

Spectacular Modernity: Dictatorship, Space, And Visuality In Venezuela, 1948-1958 (Pitt Illuminations)



Synopsis

In cultural history, the 1950s in Venezuela are commonly celebrated as a golden age of modernity, realized by a booming oil economy, dazzling modernist architecture, and nationwide modernization projects. But this is only half the story. In this path-breaking study, Lisa Blackmore reframes the concept of modernity as a complex cultural formation in which modern aesthetics became deeply entangled with authoritarian politics. Drawing on extensive archival research and presenting a wealth of previously unpublished visual materials, Blackmore revisits the decade-long dictatorship to unearth the spectacles of progress that offset repression and censorship. Analyses of a wide range of case studiesâfrom housing projects to agricultural colonies, urban monuments to official exhibitions, and carnival processions to consumer cultureâreveal the manifold apparatuses that mythologized visionary leadership, advocated technocratic development, and presented military rule as the only route to progress. Offering a sharp corrective to depoliticized accounts of the period, *Spectacular Modernity* instead exposes how Venezuelans were promised a radically transformed landscape in exchange for their democratic freedoms.

Book Information

Series: Pitt Illuminations

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: University of Pittsburgh Press; 1 edition (April 24, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0822964384

ISBN-13: 978-0822964384

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.8 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #283,299 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #12 in Books > History >

Americas > South America > Venezuela #158 in Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture >

Criticism #182 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Ideologies &

Doctrines > Fascism

Customer Reviews

â In a present that scorns the dictatorship of Marcos P rez Jim nez, the underlying framework of modernization that characterized it retains surprising traction. Blackmoreâs *Spectacular Modernity* is a beautiful and engaging text that deploys an aesthetic and political

analysis of the dictatorship's transformation of space to explain why this is. She makes an undeniable contribution to studies of Venezuela and modernity more broadly, and offers a sharp warning to those who might turn back the democratic clock in search of an elusive modernity. •

• "George Ciccariello-Maher, Drexel University • Spectacular Modernity is an in-depth study of the relationship between dictatorial power and the production of the modern imaginary of Venezuela. Blackmore's book is a groundbreaking contribution to scholarship on mid-twentieth century modernization in Latin America. • • "Patricio del Real, Harvard University

Lisa Blackmore is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Zurich and will join the school of philosophy and art history at the University of Essex as a lecturer in art history and interdisciplinary studies in 2017. She has taught at the University of Leeds, Universidad Simón Bolívar, and Universidad Central de Venezuela, and is coeditor of the forthcoming volume *El Helicoide: From Futuristic Mall to Panoptic Prison*.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Spectacular Modernity: Dictatorship, Space, and Visuality in Venezuela, 1948-1958 (Pitt Illuminations) City at the Center of the World: Space, History, and Modernity in Quito (Pitt Latin American Series) A Kiap's Story: A Decade in the Life and Work of an Australian Patrol Officer in the Kokoda, New Britain, New Ireland, Madang and Sepik Regions of Papua New Guinea 1948-1958 Hegel, Haiti, and Universal History (Pitt Illuminations) Mestizaje Upside Down: Aesthetic Politics In Modern Bolivia (Pitt Illuminations) Electing Chavez: The Business of Anti-neoliberal Politics in Venezuela (Pitt Latin American Series) The Magical State: Nature, Money, and Modernity in Venezuela Spectacular Wineries of Ontario: A Captivating Tour of Established, Estate and Boutique Wineries (Spectacular Wineries series) Amazing Pictures and Facts About Venezuela: The Most Amazing Fact Book for Kids About Venezuela (Kid's U) CultureShock! Venezuela: A Survival Guide to Customs and Etiquette (Cultureshock Venezuela: A Survival Guide to Customs & Etiquette) CultureShock! Venezuela (Cultureshock Venezuela: A Survival Guide to Customs & Etiquette) Venezuela (Lonely Planet Venezuela) (Spanish Edition) Venezuela (Bradt Travel Guide Venezuela) Venezuela 1830 a nuestros días: Breve historia política (Historia política de Venezuela) (Volume 1) (Spanish Edition) Launch Vehicles Pocket Space Guide: Heritage of the Space Race (Pocket Space Guides) Paraguay History: Discovery and Settlement, Independence and Dictatorship, the Society, the Economy, Government, Politics, People, Culture Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World The Less You Know, the Better You Sleep: Russia's Road to Terror and Dictatorship under Yeltsin and Putin

Napoleon and His Collaborators: The Making of a Dictatorship A Mother's Cry: A Memoir of Politics,
Prison, and Torture under the Brazilian Military Dictatorship

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)