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Little Kingdom By The Sea: Secrets Of The KLM Houses Revealed



Synopsis

Ever since the 1950s, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has given away Delft Blue miniature houses to its business class passengers. These replicas of real monuments are considered worldwide to be iconic of the Netherlands. A beautiful book, written by Mark Zegeling (48) has now been published about these Amsterdam (canal)houses and national monuments and the secrets behind their façades, invites the reader to a unique time travel through 500 years of Dutch history and architecture. Little Kingdom by the Sea offers readers an exclusive peek into the lives of the people who have lived in the houses upon which the KLM collection is based; portraits of pioneers, bold adventurers and other colourful figures (like Anne Frank, Rembrandt and secret service spy Mata Hari) who made their mark on Dutch history. Extensive archive research and interviews with (architectural) historians and current residents of the properties have yielded a wealth of great anecdotes and unique and juicy stories. The tales are all based on fact, even though sometimes they seem too good to be true.

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I love this book to research my KLM houses-lots of info-arrived in pristine condition.

Book was described to be in good condition, but in fact it was like new! Outstanding source of information for the history behind the actual homes depicted by the beloved KLM ceramic house miniatures.

An excellent look at the history and development of these exquisite models made exclusively for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines' customers. Each building has a short history of its architecture and purpose and is quick reading. A lot of information for the money!

A well-received X-mas gift for the collector. Miniature in size but humongous in information. So glad that it's available in English.

Excellent book that ties the KLM houses with the history of the Netherlands presented in a wonderful walking guide.

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