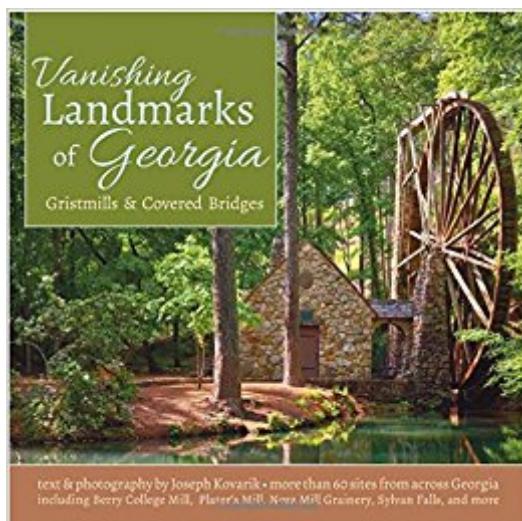


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# Vanishing Landmarks Of Georgia: Gristmills & Covered Bridges



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Joseph Kovarik has researched and photographed the Georgia gristmills and covered bridges since 2007. His images have been displayed in shows in Colorado Springs, Lone Tree, and Louisville, CO; Palm Springs and the San Diego Museum of Natural History, in California, and the Buttonwood Art Center in Kansas City, MO. He divides his time between his home in Colorado Springs, CO, and his daughter's home in Cumming, GA.

Living most of my life in the West, the only covered bridge I'd ever seen was in the *Eastwood/Streep* movie, *Bridges of Madison County*. Until I read Kovarik's book, I had little appreciation of these uniquely lovely American icons. His photos of gristmills and covered bridges are stunning. Additionally, about each one, he includes a glimpse of history, GPS coordinates, and a map for those inclined to treasure hunts. Kovarik's photo book introduces his audience to Georgia's gristmills and covered bridges in a compelling way while preserving a bit of Americana. Delightful!

Excellent photos! The author provides precise, but concise, directions to the grist mills and covered bridges. and on top of that, the history of them is so interesting. If you live in Georgia and surrounding states, you should own this for vacationing, etc. But it will look good on your coffee table, too.

Absolutely enthralling! We are planning day trips to check them out and take our own photographs. Can't wait!

Easy to read. Great pictures. Segmented by geography. Ready for exploring history.

Interesting overview of gristmills in Georgia. Beautiful photos!

Those books are awesome.

Good guide with easy to follow directions

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