

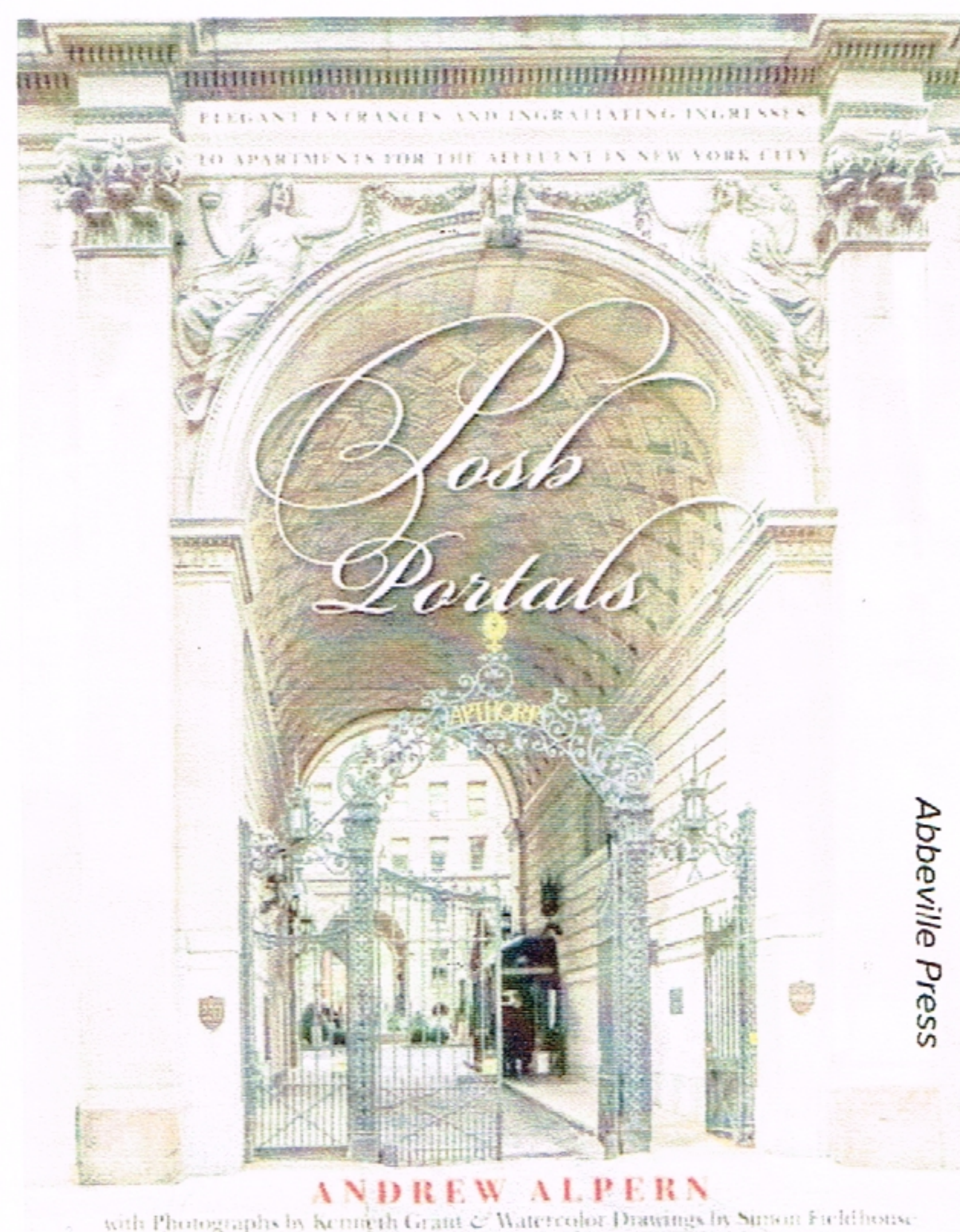
## Luxury Access: New York's Ornate Apartment Architecture

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

If you love the high-rise buildings around Rittenhouse Square, especially those built in the early 1900s, you will enjoy *Posh Portals: Elegant Entrances and Ingratiating Ingresses to Apartments for the Affluent in New York City*. Author Andrew Alpern is an architectural historian, architect, and attorney with expertise in historic apartment houses in New York.

The book covers 140 20th century New York luxury high-rise buildings, each with its own two-page spread featuring gorgeous four-color photographs by Kenneth Grant and watercolor drawings by Simon Fieldhouse, illustrating the building, its elegant entrances, and its ornamental architectural details. Be sure to notice the little amusing elements in some of the drawings. For each building, the author writes a short description including its architect, developer, style, history, and other characteristics. Maps are included at the front and back of the book.

Many of the buildings originally had unusual amenities: For example, The Paterno, 440 Riverside Drive, had a chauffeurs' lounge; One Sutton Place had an underground tennis court and a private yacht landing on the East River; 10 Grace Square had a *porte-cochere* from which one could drive in to one of the three elevator lobbies and park; and The Graham, 22 E. 89th Street, originally had a private dining room on the ground floor but no kitchens in its apartments.



Posh Portals book cover.

## Philadelphia Named One of the World's Greatest Places

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

*Time* magazine, in July, listed Philadelphia as one of the World's Greatest Places, among 100 unique destinations—including countries, regions, cities and towns—offering new and exciting experiences.

Two new culinary ventures that attracted attention are Chef Omar Tate's Honeysuckle Community Center in West

Philadelphia, comprising a supper club, grocery shop, meat market, and café library; and Chef Ange Branca's Kampar Kitchen in the Bok Building in South Philadelphia, featuring takeout meals by startup chefs specializing in a variety of ethnic cuisines. Frank Gehry's interior redesign of the Philadelphia Art Museum is cited as a new architectural attraction.