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This beautifully illustrated book commemorates the remarkable career of Alexander Jackson Davis, one of the finest and most influential American architects in the first half of the nineteenth century. During the twenty-five years prior to the Civil War—a period of unprecedented reform in North Carolina—Alexander Jackson Davis produced some of his most outstanding work for both public and private clients statewide.

Edward T. Davis, curator of Preservation North Carolina’s exhibit of the same title, and John L. Sanders, Chair of the State Capitol Advisory Committee and vice president of the State Capitol Foundation, co-authored this stunning book that is filled with beautiful full-color drawings by A.J. Davis and recent photographs of the restored North Carolina Capitol by Tim Buchman. Ed Davis provides an overview of A.J. Davis’s work throughout the state, and John Sanders focuses on Davis’s role in the design with partner Ithiel Town of the State Capitol, which after a ten-year research and restoration project has been returned to its 1840s appearance.

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