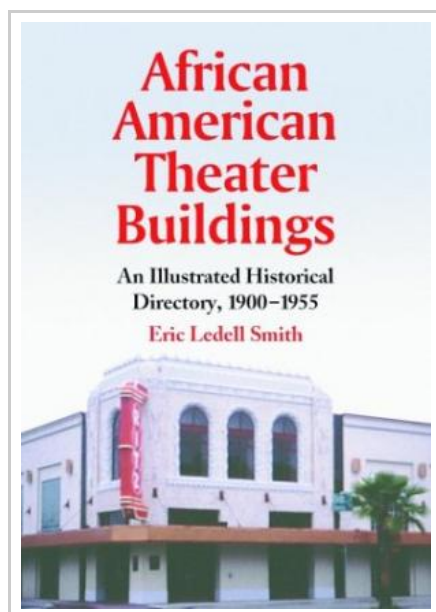




## African American Theater Buildings: An Illustrated Historical Directory, 1900-1955

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