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TOP 25 ARCHITECTURE BOOKS THAT EVERY ARCHITECT FREAK SHOULD READ

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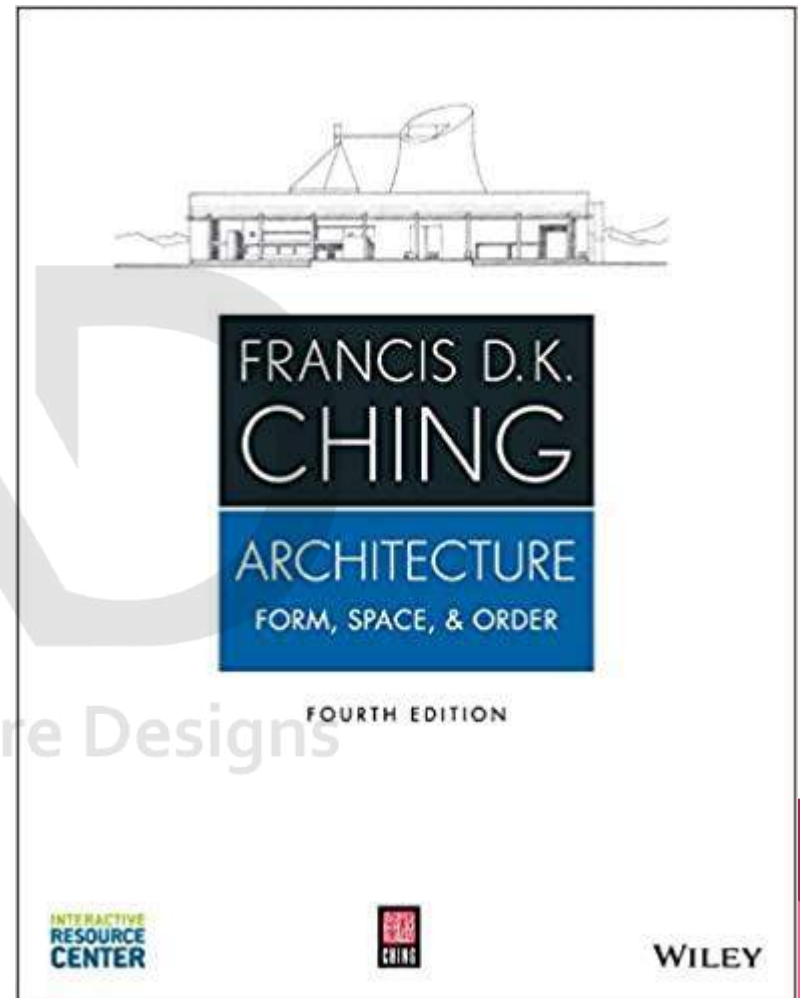
1. Architecture: Form, Space, & Order

by Francis D. K. Ching (Author)

★★★★☆ 457 ratings

For more than forty years, the beautifully illustrated *Architecture: Form, Space, and Order* has served as the classic introduction to the basic vocabulary of architectural design.

The updated and revised Fourth Edition features the fundamental elements of space and form and is designed to encourage critical thought in order to promote a more evocative understanding of architecture.

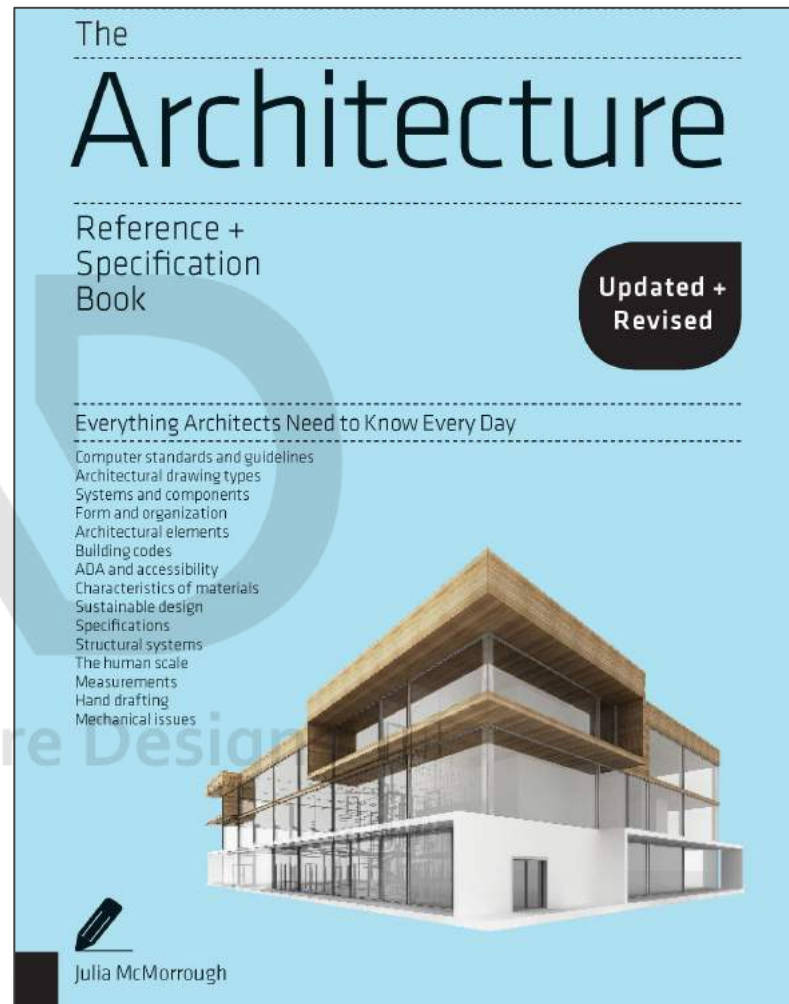


2. The Architecture Reference & Specification Book updated & revised: Everything Architects Need to Know Every Day

by [Julia McMorrough](#) (Author)

★★★★★ 399 ratings

Most architectural standards references contain thousands of pages of details—overwhelmingly more than architects need to know to know on any given day. *The Architecture Reference & Specification Book* contains vital information that's essential to planning and executing architectural projects of all shapes and sizes, in a format that is small enough to carry anywhere. It distills the data provided in standard architectural volumes and is an easy-to-use reference for the most indispensable—and most requested—types of architectural information.



3. A Field Guide to American Houses: The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture

by Virginia Savage McAlester (Author)

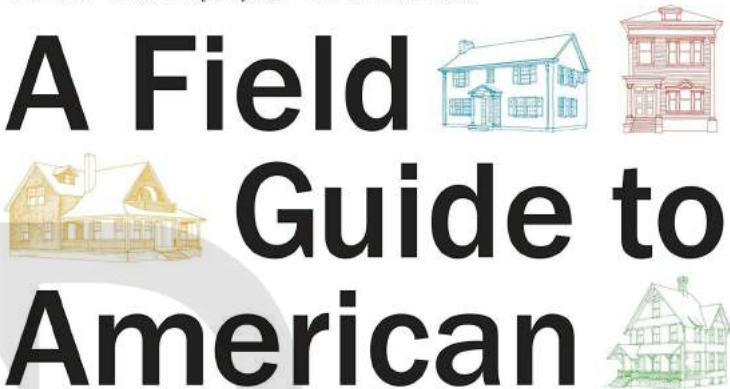
★★★★★ 630 ratings

For the house lover and the curious tourist, for the house buyer and the weekend stroller, for neighborhood preservation groups and for all who want to know more about their community -- here, at last, is a book that makes it both easy and pleasurable to identify the various styles and periods of American domestic architecture.



"Magisterial . . . The illustrated story of why our houses—great and humble and everything in between—look the way they do." —*The New York Times*

A Field Guide to American Houses



The best-selling classic by Virginia and Lee McAlester now revised and expanded to include homes built after 1940 and a new section on how to "read" a neighborhood

The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture



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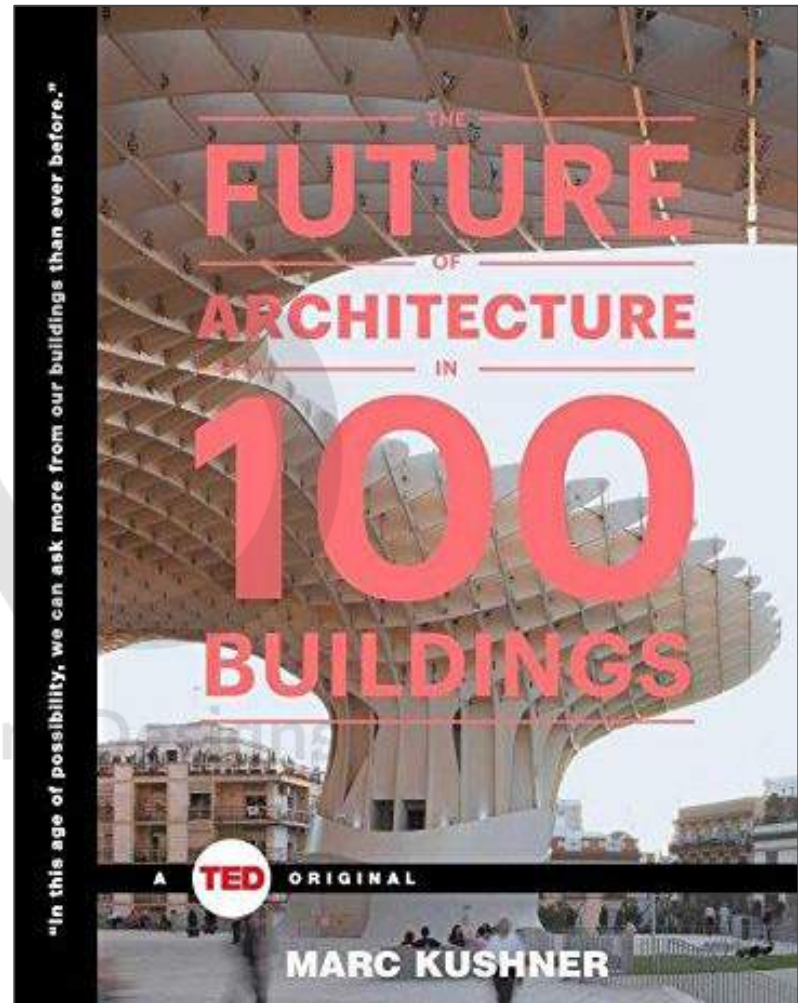
4. The Future of Architecture in 100 Buildings (TED Books)

by Marc Kushner (Author)

★★★★☆ 228 ratings

The founder of Architizer.com and practicing architect draws on his unique position at the crossroads of architecture and social media to highlight 100 important buildings that embody the future of architecture.

We're asking more of architecture than ever before; the response will define our future.



5. Architecture: A World History

by Daniel Borden (Author), Jerzy Elzanowski (Author), Joni Taylor (Author), Stephanie Tuerk (Author)

★★★★★ 37 ratings

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6. The Ten Books On Architecture (Illustrated)

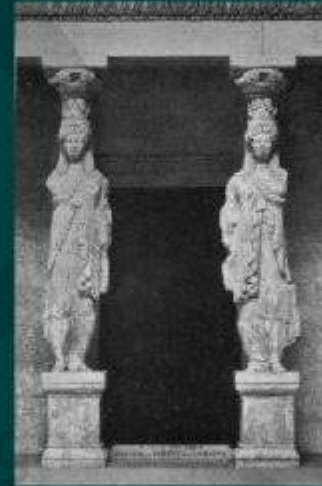
by Vitruvius Pollio (Author)

★★★★☆ 218 ratings

Marcus Vitruvius Pollio's "Ten Books on Architecture" is the most complete treatise on the subject of architecture from antiquity and for hundreds of years influenced major buildings around the world. Dating to the first century B.C., the "Ten Books on Architecture" are not only an excellent historical reference into ancient construction methods and aesthetics but also a manual providing much that can be applied to modern architecture. Today's architect will find much of interest in this fully illustrated reproduction of the 1914 edition translated by Morris Hicky Morgan.



TEN BOOKS ON ARCHITECTURE



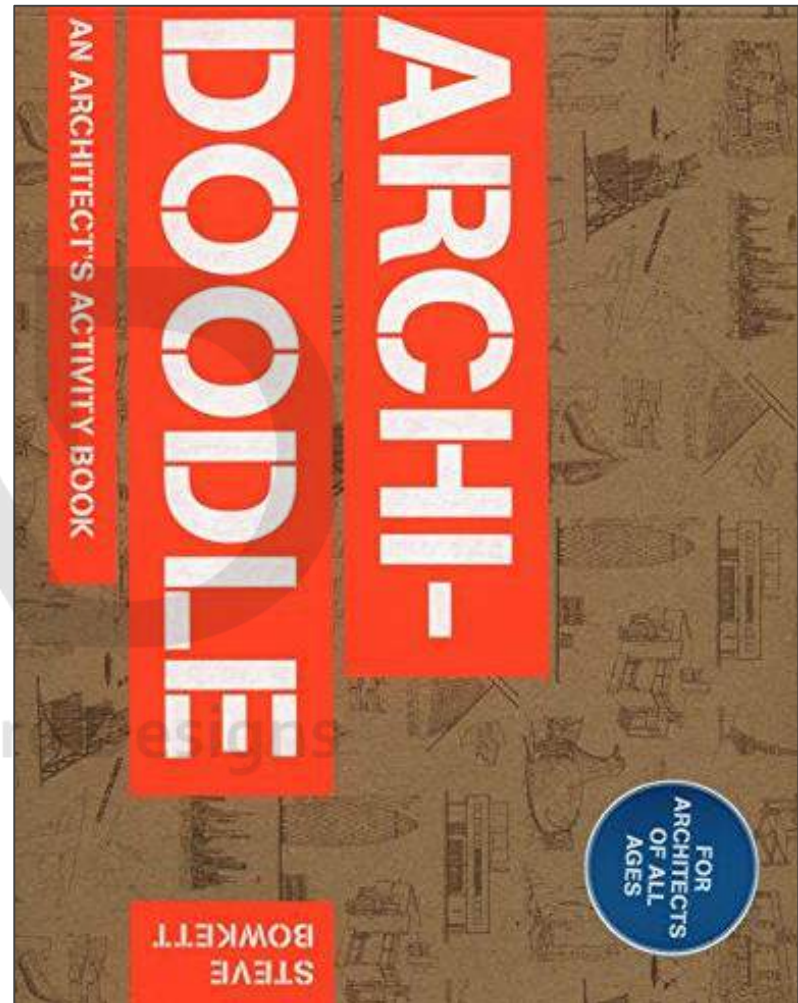
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7. Archidoodle: The Architect's Activity Book

by Steve Bowkett (Author)

★★★★☆ 490 ratings

This innovative book is the first to provide a fun, interactive way to learn about architecture. Filled with an array of beautiful and elegant drawings, it poses all manner of architectural challenges for the user: from designing your own skyscraper, to drawing an island house or creating a Constructivist monument, plus many others more.

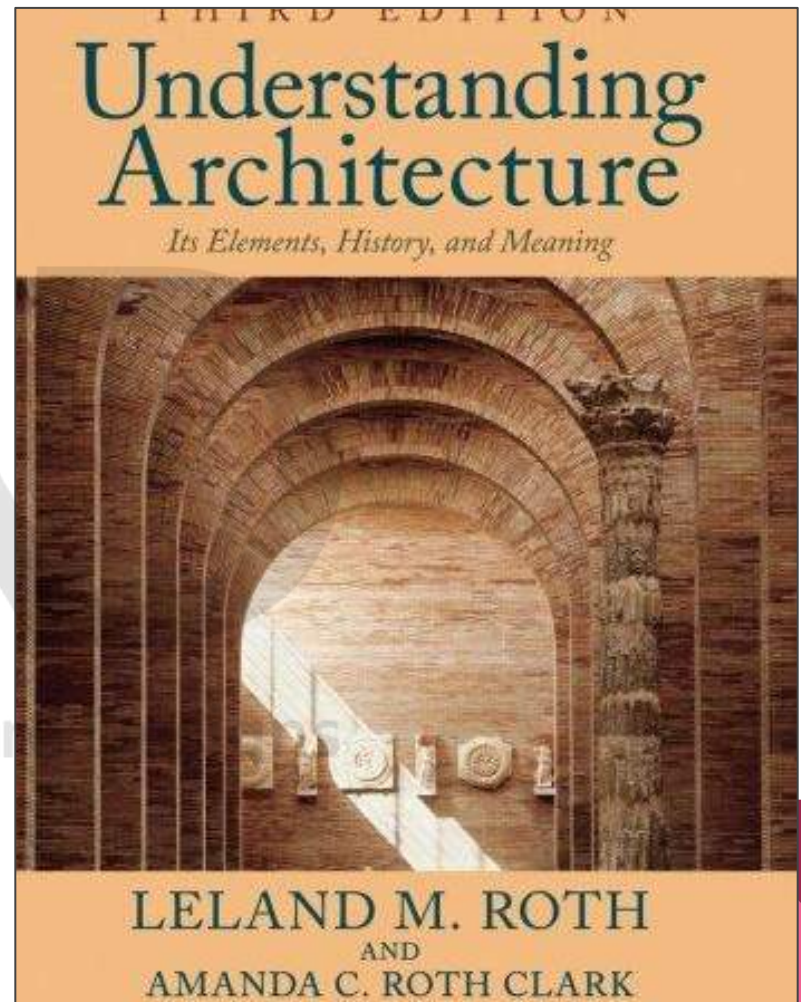


8. Understanding Architecture: Its Elements, History, and Meaning

by Leland M. Roth (Author)

★★★★☆ 87 ratings

This widely acclaimed, beautifully illustrated survey of Western architecture is now fully revised throughout, including essays on non-Western traditions. The expanded book vividly examines the structure, function, history, and meaning of architecture in ways that are both accessible and engaging.

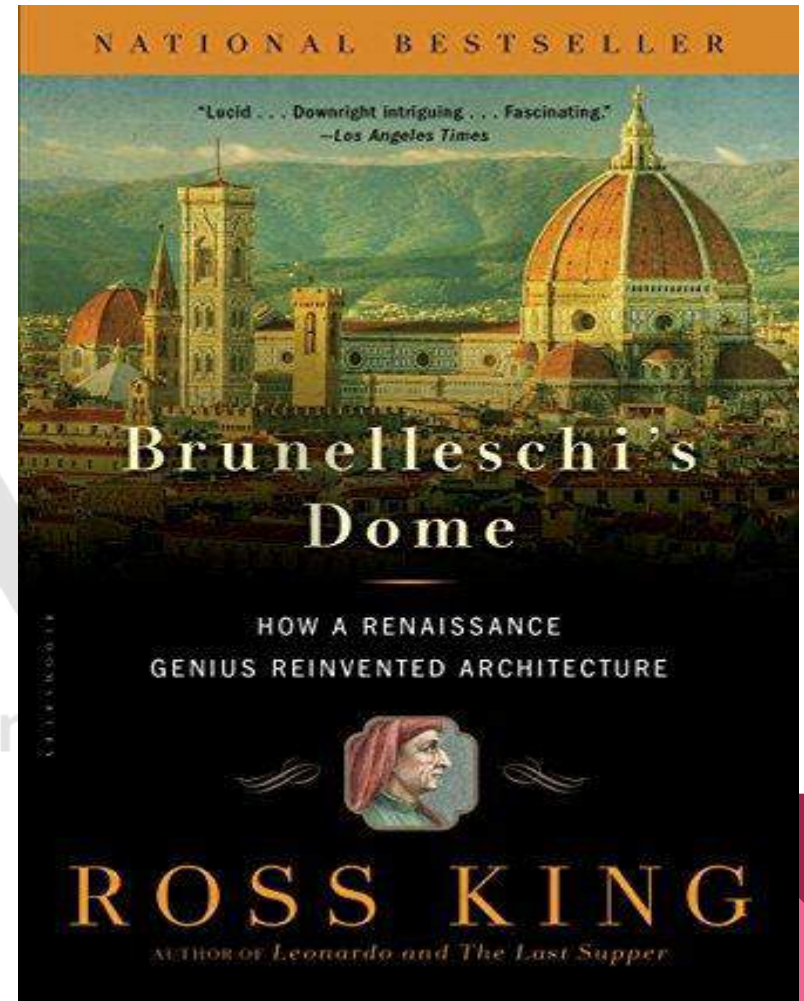


9. Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture

by Ross King (Author) | Format: Kindle Edition

★★★★☆ 821 ratings

Brunelleschi's Dome is the story of how a Renaissance genius bent men, materials, and the very forces of nature to build an architectural wonder we continue to marvel at today. Denounced at first as a madman, Brunelleschi was celebrated at the end as a genius. He engineered the perfect placement of brick and stone, built ingenious hoists and cranes to carry an estimated 70 million pounds hundreds of feet into the air, and designed the workers' platforms and routines so carefully that only one man died during the decades of construction--all the while defying those who said the dome would surely collapse and his own personal obstacles that at times threatened to overwhelm him.

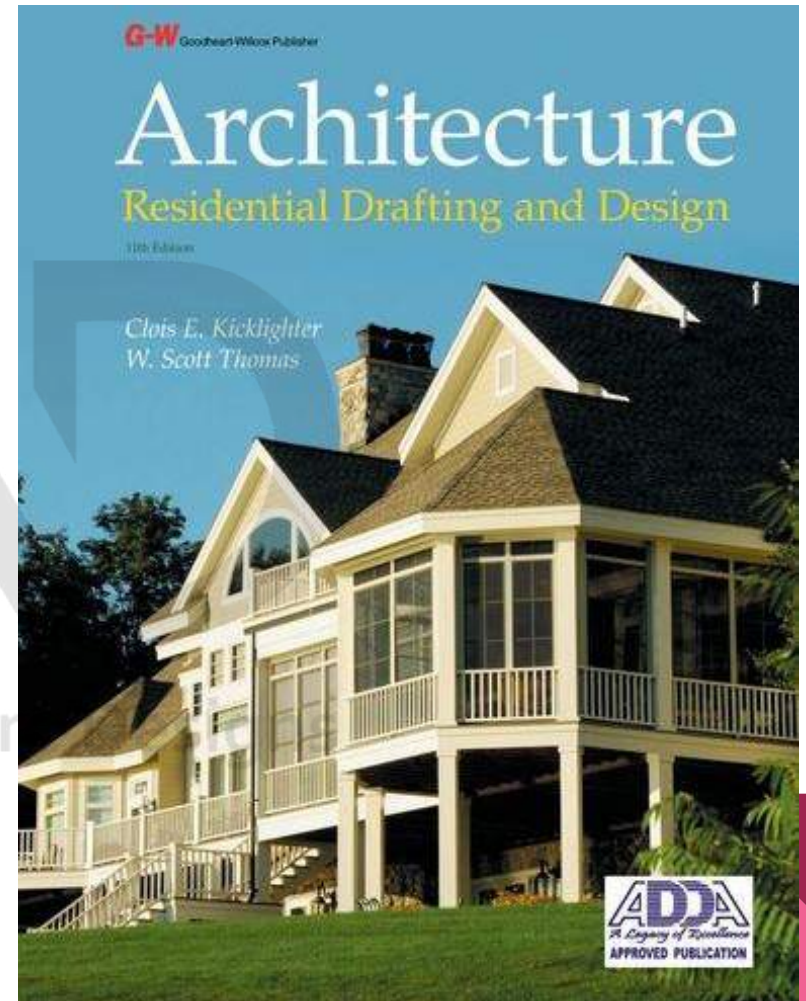


10. Architecture: Residential Drafting and Design


by Clois E. Kicklighter Ed. D. (Author), W. Scott Thomas (Author)

★★★★☆ 26 ratings

Architecture: Residential Drafting and Design provides comprehensive instruction on traditional and computer-based methods of preparing architectural working drawings in addition to coverage of design and construction principles and methods. It is organized around the design-building process, a logical way for students to easily learn. New content on green building technology/sustainable design complements foundational learning. Chapter-end activities challenge students to use residential design principles and problem-solving skills.

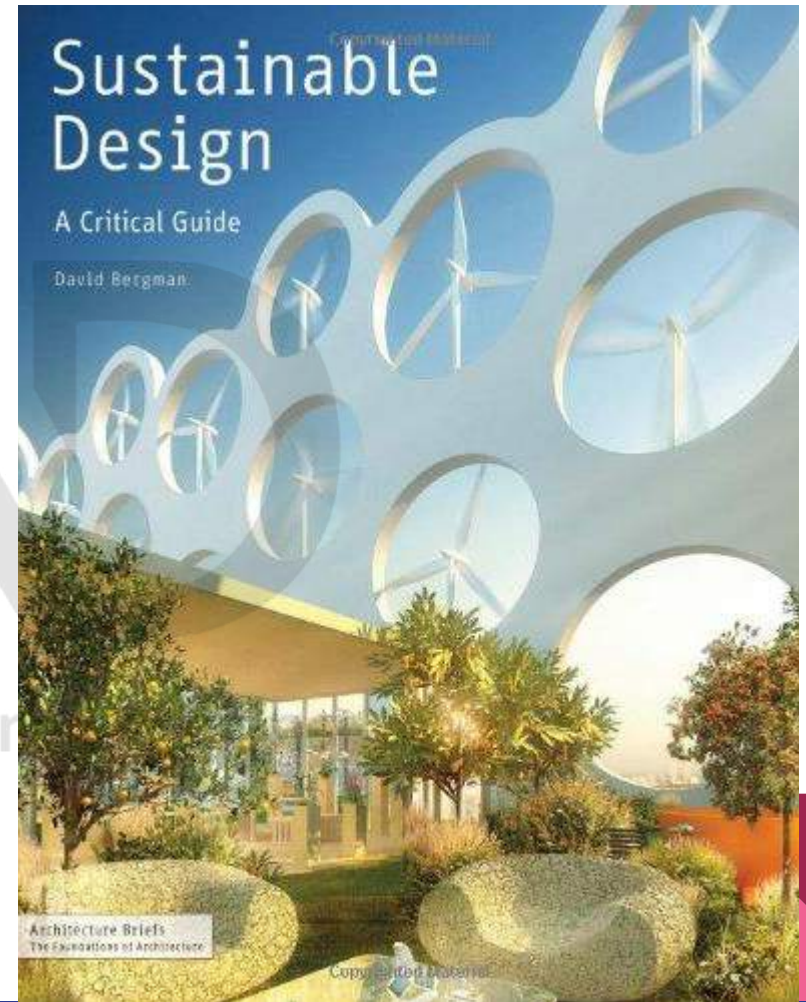


11. Sustainable Design: A Critical Guide

by David Bergman  (Author)

★★★★★  51 ratings

Written for students and practitioners in the fields of architecture and interior design, our new Architecture Brief Sustainable Design provides a concise overview of all the techniques available for reducing the energy footprint of structures and spaces. With clear, simple language and a practical "can do" approach, author David Bergman covers everything from the profession's ethical responsibility, to design structures and spaces that sustain our natural resources, to specific considerations such as rainwater harvesting, graywater recycling, passive heating techniques, solar orientation, green roofs, wind energy, daylighting, indoor air quality, material evaluation and specification, and how to work with green building certification programs.

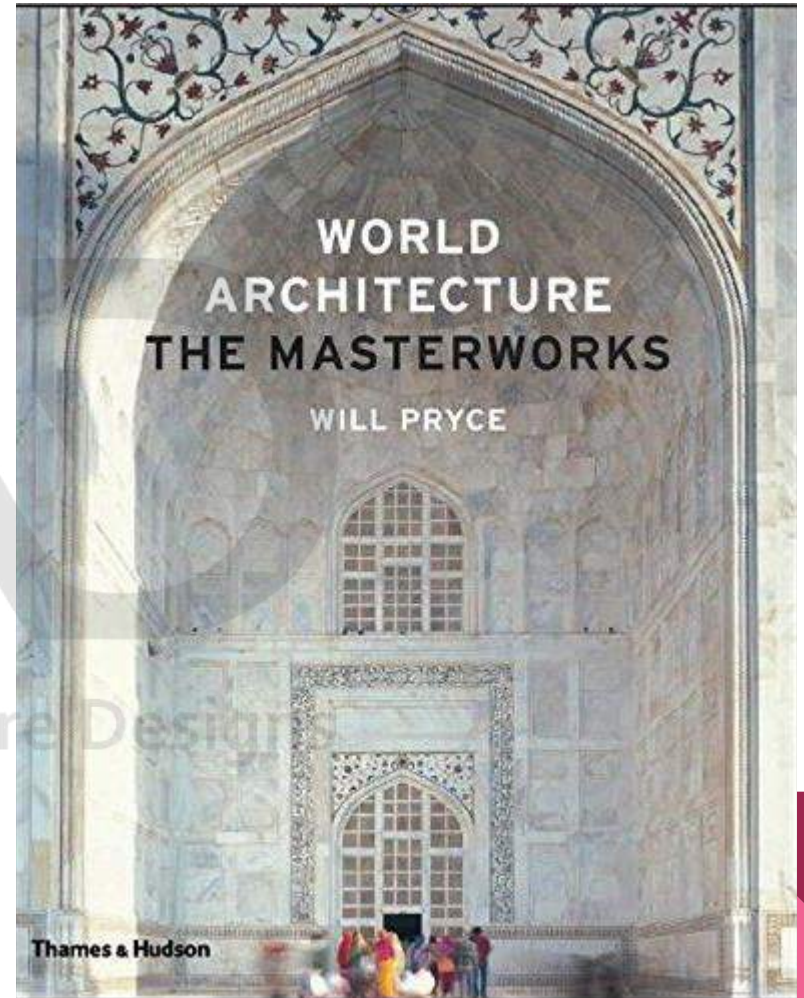


12. World Architecture: The Masterworks

by William J.R. Curtis (Author)

★★★★☆ 217 ratings

Will Pryce unveils a world of beauty and genius in this unparalleled, specially photographed survey of the world's architectural masterpieces. More than 350 color photographs celebrate the finest buildings from over two thousand years of civilization: Hagia Sophia, the Gothic cathedrals of Europe, Islamic masterworks at Isfahan, the Taj Mahal, the Palace of Westminster, Gehry's iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, and much more.

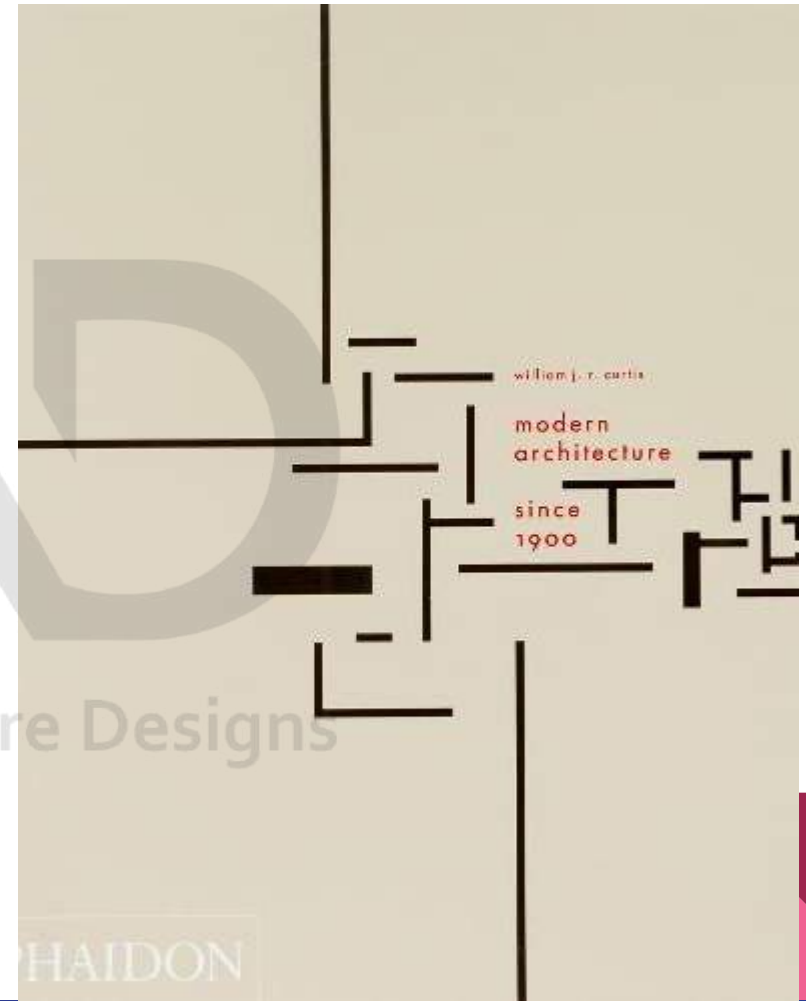


13. Modern Architecture Since 1900

by Will Pryce (Author)

★★★★★ 93 ratings

Since its first publication in 1982, *Modern Architecture Since 1900* has become established as a contemporary classic. Worldwide in scope, it combines a clear historical outline with masterly analysis and interpretation. Technical, economic, social and intellectual developments are brought together in a comprehensive narrative which provides a setting for the detailed examination of buildings. Throughout the book the author's focus is on the individual architect, and on the qualities that give outstanding buildings their lasting value.

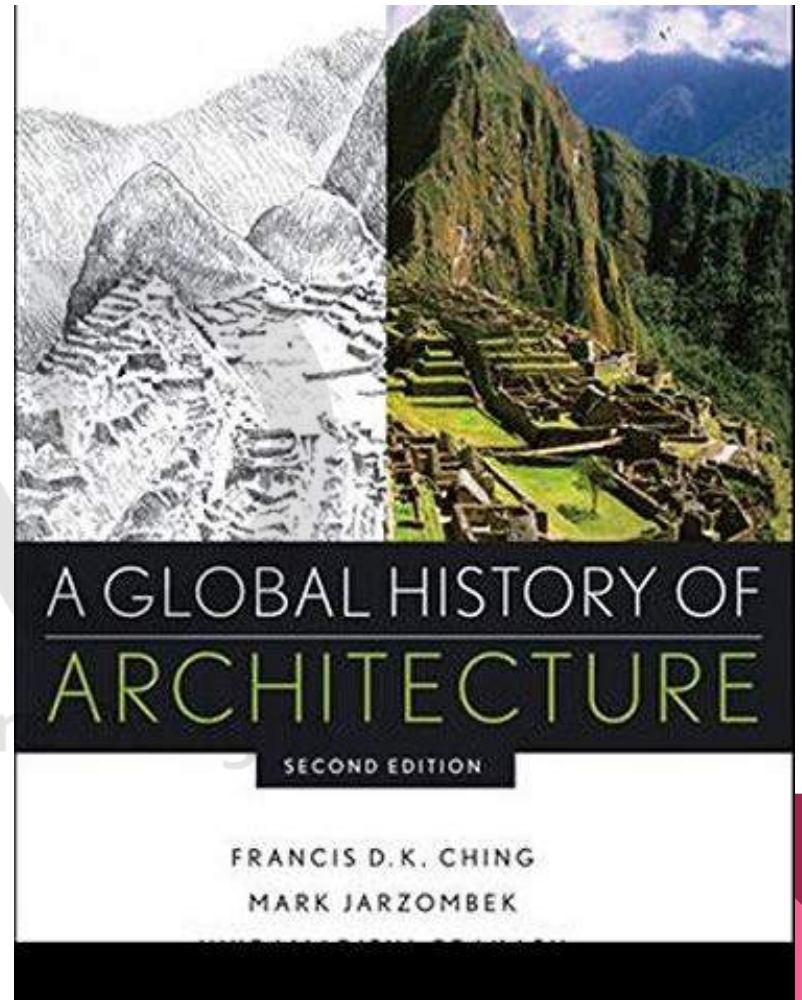


14. A Global History of Architecture

by Mark M. Jarzombek (Author), Vikramaditya Prakash (Author), Francis D. K. Ching (Consultant Editor)

★★★★☆ 76 ratings

Unabashedly huge in its proportions, this book differs from the standard architecture survey in that it doesn't approach the topic from a Western perspective, but rather, as the title indicates, through a global lens. This bodes well for its success as a textbook, but will also please the casual reader. Chronologically organized, the work spans the globe within each time period, occasionally taking time to discuss certain styles and major historical periods, but devoting most of its space to specific architectural works.



15. Sketching for Architecture + Interior Design

by Stephanie Travis (Author)

★★★★☆ 129 ratings

The debate surrounding hand drawing versus computer-generated imagery has become a hot topic. Having grown up with computers, today's interior design and architecture students are extremely adept at creating computer imagery, but often lack confidence in their freehand sketching skills, or do not know how to sketch at all. Sketching, and the careful observation that it entails, is essential for the successful development of the next generation of designers.

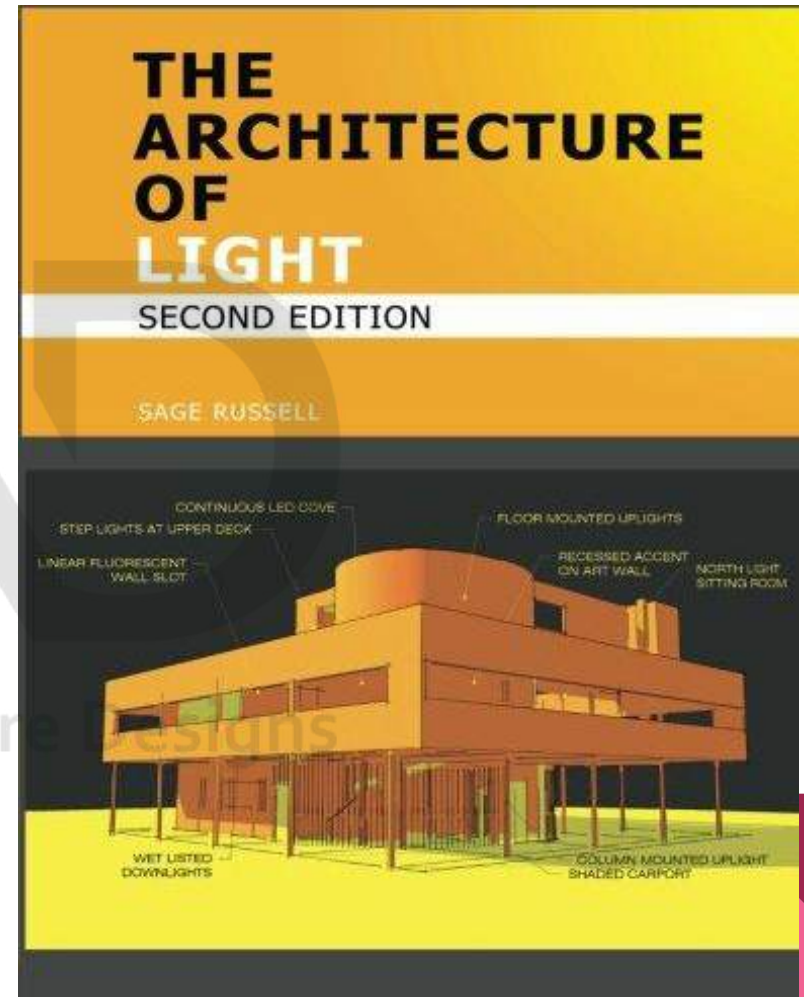


16. The Architecture Of Light

by Sage Russell (Author)

★★★★★ 93 ratings

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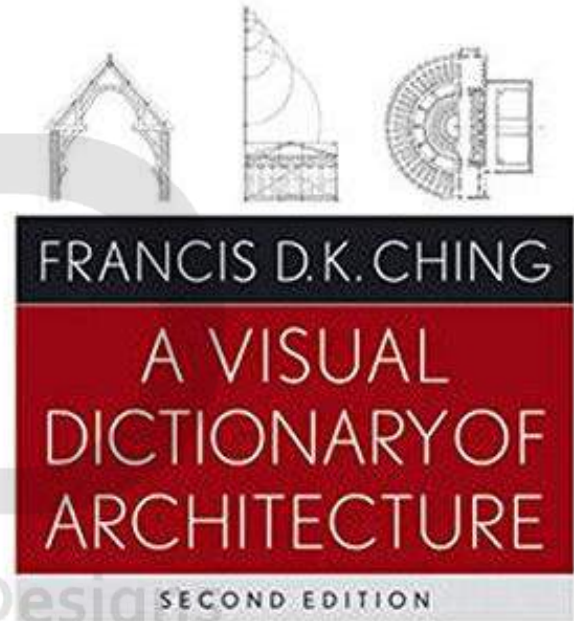


17. A Visual Dictionary of Architecture

by Francis D.K. Ching (Author)

★★★★☆ 135 ratings

An essential one-volume reference of architectural topics using Francis D.K. Ching's signature presentation. It is the only dictionary that provides concise, accurate definitions illustrated with finely detailed, hand-rendered drawings. From Arch to Wood, every concept, technology, material and detail important to architects and designers are presented in Ching's unique style.

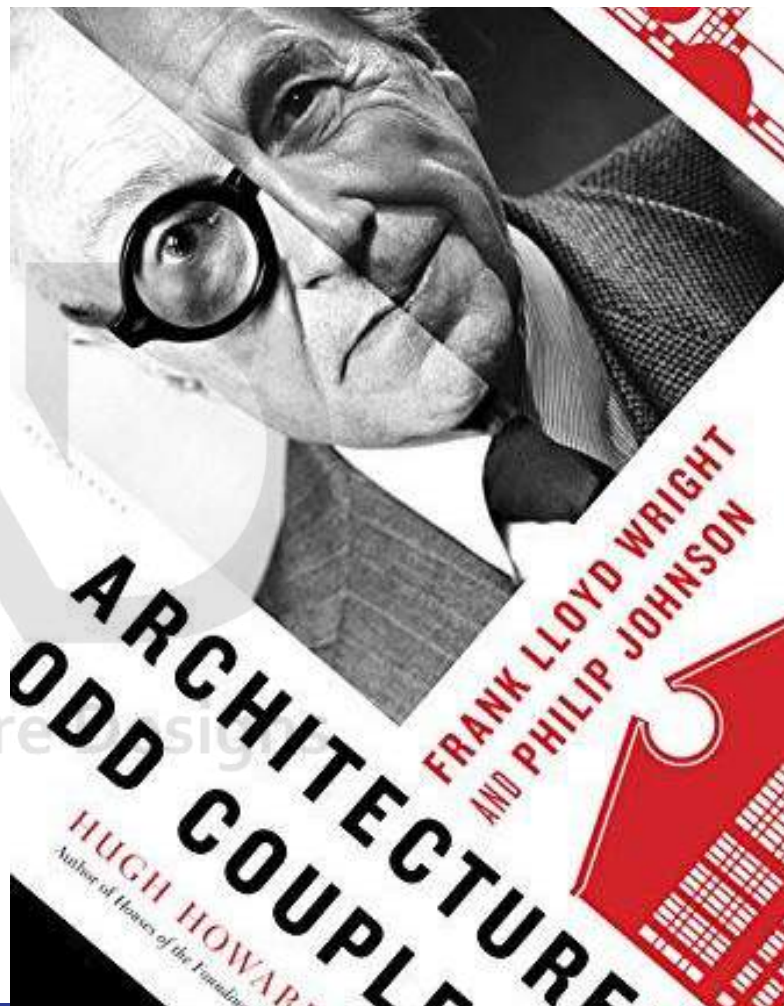


18. Architecture's Odd Couple: Frank Lloyd Wright and Philip Johnson

by Hugh Howard (Author)

★★★★☆ 30 ratings

In architectural terms, the twentieth century can be largely summed up with two names: Frank Lloyd Wright and Philip Johnson. Wright (1867–1959) began it with his romantic prairie style; Johnson (1906–2005) brought down the curtain with his spare postmodernist experiments. Between them, they built some of the most admired and discussed buildings in American history.

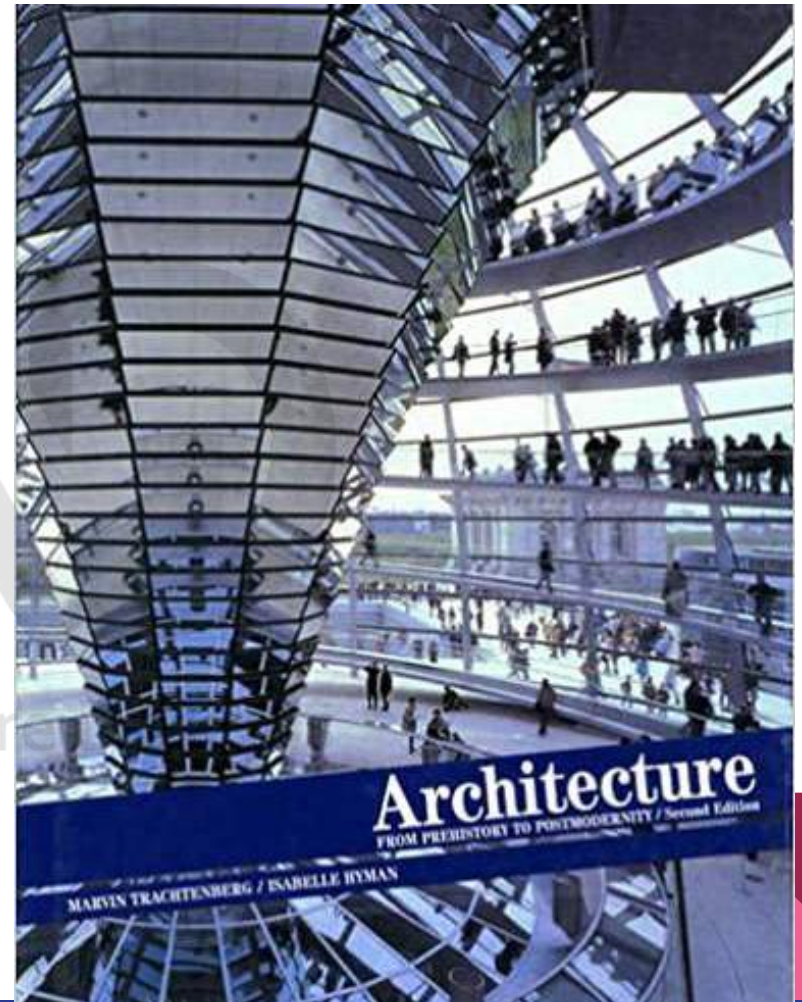


19. Architecture: From Prehistory to Postmodernity, Reprint (2nd Edition)

by Marvin Trachtenberg (Author), Isabelle Hyman (Author)

★★★★★ 64 ratings

Moving back and forth between the long view of historical trends and close-ups on major works and crucial architectural themes, this lavishly-illustrated survey explains specific qualities of periods in depth and the complex illuminating differences between them in social, intellectual, and aesthetic terms.



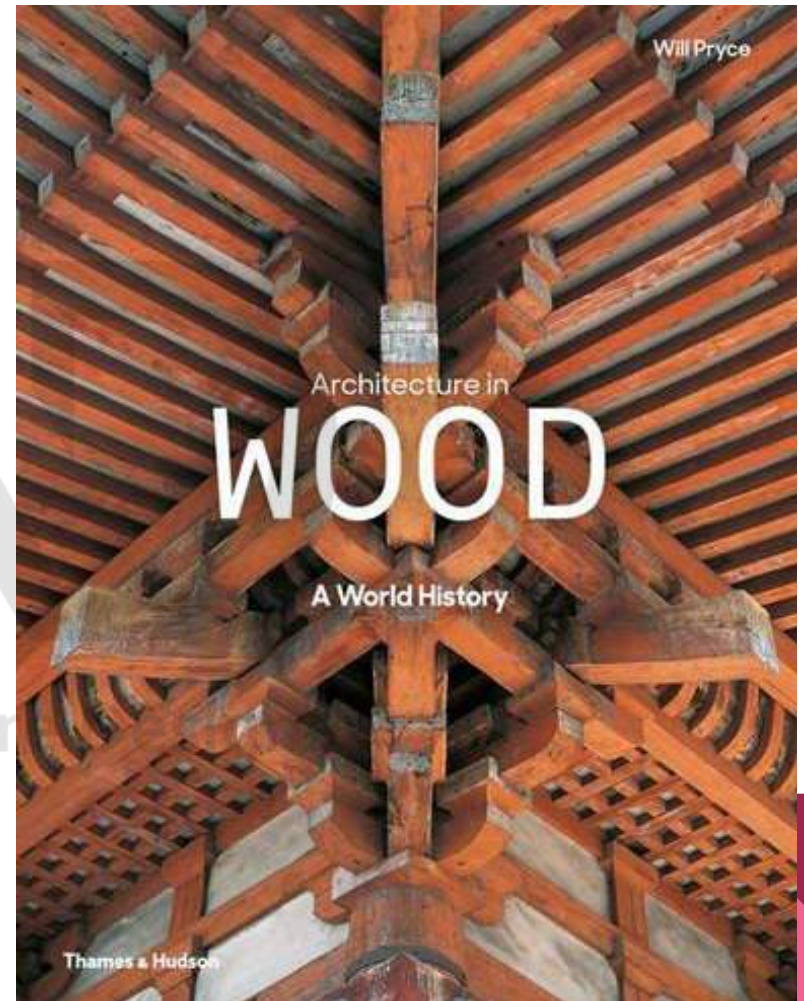
20. Architecture in Wood: A World History

by Will Pryce (Author)

★★★★☆ 18 ratings

Many of the world's greatest buildings are made of wood, yet it is undervalued or ignored in histories of architecture. However, leading designers around the world are increasingly drawn to it to satisfy social and environmental needs.

Will Pryce is an award-winning photographer who trained as an architect and photojournalist. Intensely dramatic but not overdramatized, technically flawless but not merely documentary, his internationally acclaimed photographs convey all the excitement of encountering these amazing structures firsthand.

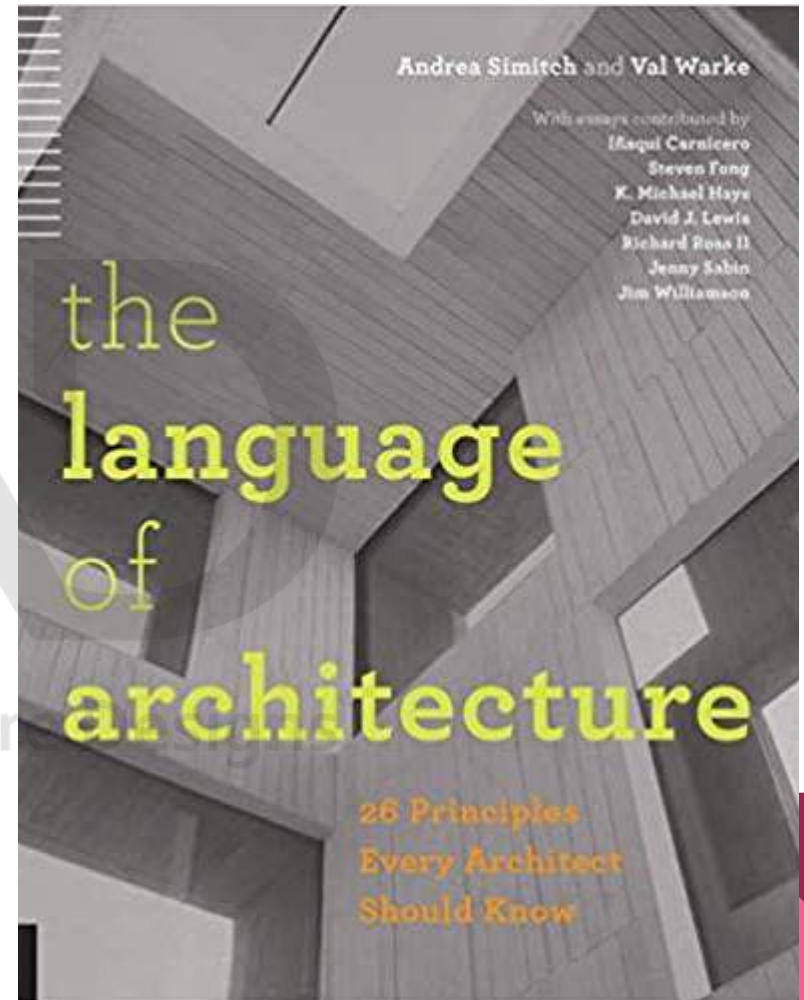


21. The Language of Architecture: 26 Principles Every Architect Should Know

by [Andrea Simitch](#) (Author), [Val Warke](#) (Author)

★★★★★ 73 ratings

In order to master the foundation of architecture, you must first master the basic building blocks of its language; the definitions, function, and usage. *The Language of Architecture* provides students and professional architects with the basic elements of architectural design, divided into twenty-six easy-to-comprehend chapters. This visual reference includes an introduction to architecture design, historical view of the elements, as well as an overview of how these elements can and have been used across multiple design disciplines.

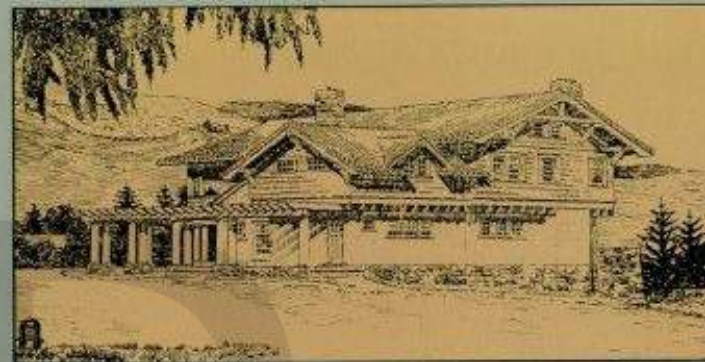


22. Craftsman Homes (Dover Architecture)

by [Gustav Stickley](#) (Author) | Format: Kindle Edition

★★★★☆ 77 ratings

296 architectural drawings, floor plans, and photographs illustrate 40 different kinds of "Mission-style" homes from *The Craftsman* (1901-16), voice of American style of simplicity and organic harmony. Thorough coverage of Craftsman idea in text and picture, now collector's item.



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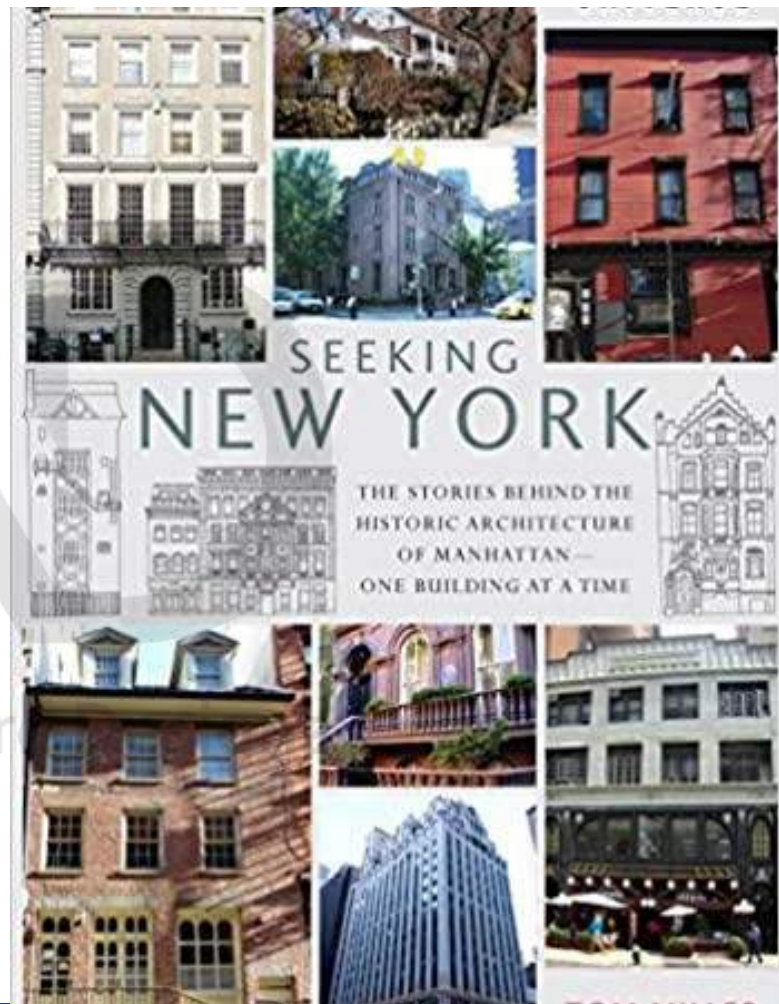
With 296 Illustrations, 4 in full color

23. Seeking New York: The Stories Behind the Historic Architecture of Manhattan--One Building at a Time

by Tom Miller (Author)

★★★★★ 100 ratings

Beautifully illustrated with line drawings and photographs, engagingly presented, and richly detailed, this charming guide traces the architectural and social history of Manhattan one building at a time. The island of Manhattan has been through remarkable architectural and social change throughout its history. Organized roughly by neighborhoods, this book explores the seemingly never-ending depths of architectural, personal, and social history of Manhattan, building by building.

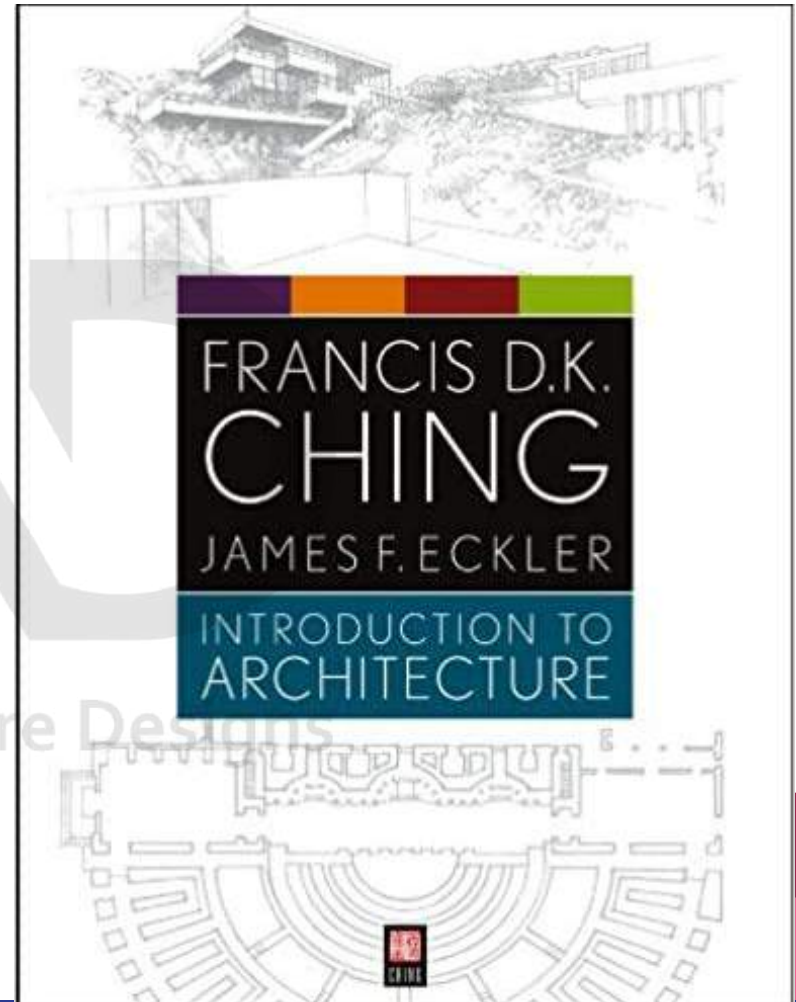


24. Introduction to Architecture

by Francis D. K. Ching (Author), James F. Eckler (Author)

★★★★★ 112 ratings

Introduction to Architecture presents the essential texts and drawings of Francis D. K. Ching for those new to architecture and design. With his typical highly graphic approach, this is the first introductory text from Ching that surveys the design of spaces, buildings, and cities. In an easy to understand format, readers will explore the histories and theories of architecture, design elements and process, and the technical aspects of the contemporary profession of architecture.



25. The New Old House: Historic & Modern Architecture Combined

by Marc Kristal (Author)

★★★★★ 56 ratings

The New Old House presents 18 private historic homes, from North America to Europe, and traces the ingenious ways architects have revitalized and refreshed them for a new generation.



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