

# Who Was Frank Lloyd Wright

## Frank Lloyd Wright, Architect

From the turn of the century until his death in 1959, Frank Lloyd Wright produced projects that defined and redefined the American architectural vision. This book, accompanying a major exhibition at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, is the most comprehensive appraisal of his achievements ever assembled. 466 illustrations, 190 in full color.

## My Father, Frank Lloyd Wright

Charming memoir, by his son, of Wright as genius, father, and family man. The book also includes the complete text of William C. Gannet's *The House Beautiful*, a work designed by Wright. 10 halftones.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Ada Louise Huxtable's biography of America's greatest architect Renowned architecture critic Ada Louise Huxtable's biography Frank Lloyd Wright looks at the architect and the man, from his tumultuous personal life to his long career as a master builder. Along the way she introduces Wright's masterpieces, from the tranquil Fallingwater to Taliesin, rebuilt after tragedy and murder-not only exploring the mind of the man who drew the blueprints but also delving into the very heart of the medium, which he changed forever.

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Despite the renewed interest in Frank Lloyd Wright and the increasing body of literature that has illuminated his career, the deeper meaning of his architecture continues to be elusive. His own writings are often interesting commentaries but tend not to enlighten us as to his design methodology, and it is difficult to make the connection between his stated philosophy and his actual designs. This book is a refreshing account that evaluates Wright's contribution on the basis of his architectural form, its animating principle and consequent meaning. Wright's architecture, not his persona, is the primary focus of this investigation. This study presents a comprehensive overview of Wright's work in a comparative analytical format. Wright's major building types have been identified to enable the reader to pursue a more systematic understanding of his work. The conceptual and experiential order of each building group is demonstrated visually with specially developed analytical illustrations. These drawings offer vital insights into Wright's exploration of form and underscore the connection between form and principle. The implications of Wright's work for architecture in general serves as an important underlying theme throughout. This volume also integrates the research of several noted scholars to clarify the interaction of theory and practice in Wright's work, as well as the role of formal

order in architectural experience in general. By seeing how Wright integrates his intuitive and intellectual grasp of design, the reader will build a keen awareness of the rational and coherent basis of his architecture and its symbiotic relationship with emotional, qualitative reality. A graphic taxonomy of plans of Wright's building designs helps the reader focus on specific subjects. Among the diverse areas covered are sources and influences of Wright's work, domestic themes and variations, public buildings and skyscraper designs, and the influence of site on design. Complete with a chronology of the master architect's work, *Frank Lloyd Wright: Between Principle and Form* is an important reference for students, architects and architectural historians.

## **Truth Against the World**

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From the award-winning and nationally best-selling author of *Hemingway's Boat and Sons of Mississippi*--an illuminating, pathbreaking biography that will change the way we understand the life, mind, and work of the premier American architect. Frank Lloyd Wright has long been known as a rank egotist who held in contempt almost everything aside from his own genius. Harder to detect, but no less real, is a Wright who fully understood, and suffered from, the choices he made. This is the Wright whom Paul Hendrickson reveals in this masterful biography: the Wright who was haunted by his father, about whom he told the greatest lie of his life. And this, we see, is the Wright of many other neglected aspects of his story: his close, and perhaps romantic, relationship with friend and early mentor Cecil Corwin; the eerie, unmistakable role of fires in his life; the connection between the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 and the murder of his mistress, her two children, and four others at his beloved Wisconsin home by a black servant gone mad. In showing us Wright's facades along with their cracks, Hendrickson helps us form a fresh, deep, and more human understanding of the man. With prodigious research, unique vision, and his ability to make sense of a life in ways at once unexpected, poetic, and undeniably brilliant, he has given us the defining book on Wright.

## **Plagued by Fire**

**Book Description:** Frank Lloyd Wright's mammoth contribution to architecture is universally acknowledged, but his graphic work has been largely overlooked in the existing literature about this seminal architect. His designs for typography, books, posters, murals, and magazines have remained relatively obscure, even though they are key components of his oeuvre. Penny Fowler has thoroughly investigated the artist's innovative graphic work and placed it within the context of various aesthetic movements, from Arts and Crafts to Bauhaus and De Stijl. Wright's publications - including *The House Beautiful* and *An Autobiography* - his delineations for the Wasmuth Portfolio, and his mural designs for Midway Gardens and the Imperial Hotel are explored, and one chapter is devoted to the festive covers Wright created for *Liberty* magazine. (Wright's designs were considered far too radical from the current trends, so *Liberty* turned them down.) Now this important part of the artist's work has been succinctly reviewed and amply illustrated. The ten chapters - carefully annotated with endnotes - explore Wright's foray into the world of graphic design,

including book design; his influence by international sources; and his visits to Japan and Europe. Exhibitions and publications are included in the last chapter. *Frank Lloyd Wright: Graphic Artist* suggests that the man's genius simply knew no bounds.

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Thoroughly researched study of the design and construction of this radical, inspiring workplace draws on much unpublished archival material. From the genesis of the structurally unique Administration Building — its design development, innovations, and furnishings — to the construction and completion of the Research Towers, Lipman presents a wealth of information. 172 black-and-white illustrations.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright and the Johnson Wax Buildings**

The demonstrations capture interest, teach, inform, fascinate, amaze, and perhaps, most importantly, involve students in chemistry. Nowhere else will you find books that answer, \"How come it happens? . . . Is it safe? . . . What do I do with all the stuff when the demo is over?\" Shakhashiri and his collaborators offer 282 chemical demonstrations arranged in 11 chapters. Each demonstration includes seven sections: a brief summary, a materials list, a step-by-step account of procedures to be used, an explanation of the hazards involved, information on how to store or dispose of the chemicals used, a discussion of the phenomena displayed and principles illustrated by the demonstration, and a list of references. You'll find safety emphasized throughout the book in each demonstration.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright and His Manner of Thought**

Foreword by Nancy Frazier. Beautiful hard-cover edition of one of the most famous books in architectural history. Presents the early work of the great American architect and includes photographs and material unavailable elsewhere. More than 200 b&w photographs.

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New definition to the little-known work Wright produced during this period, which he describes as Wright's primitivist phase. He traces this influence in his art through Wright's explorations of primitivist sources, innovations in sculpture, and an intensification of the architect's use of ornament. Less tangible, but as important, was Wright's view of himself, his art, and society, and Alofsin uncovers the European impact on the architect's image of himself as a.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright--the Lost Years, 1910-1922**

Painstakingly researched and illuminating account of the making of the Fred C. Robie home. Revealing family documents, excerpts from a 1958 interview with Fred Robie, and 160 black-and-white illustrations illuminate design, construction, various stages of landmark of modern architecture. Complete text.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House**

Kenneth Bendiner journeys from the Renaissance to the present day—through the works of artists from Rembrandt to Manet to Warhol—to make the case that, though understudied, paintings of food are so important that they should be considered a separate classification of art, a genre unto themselves.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright**

Complete Wasmuth drawings, reproduced from a rare 1910 edition, feature Wright's early experiments in

organic design. Includes 100 plates of public and private buildings from Oak Park period, plus Wright's Introduction and annotations.

## **Drawings and Plans of Frank Lloyd Wright**

Frank Lloyd Wright (Richland Center, Wisconsin, 8 giugno 1867 - Phoenix, Arizona, 9 aprile 1959) è stato un architetto statunitense e una figura centrale dell'architettura organica. Assieme a Le Corbusier, che rappresenta forse in maniera più emblematica l'altro lato dell'architettura moderna (quello della cosiddetta architettura funzionale), è uno dei maggiori esponenti del Movimento Moderno in architettura ed il rappresentante di maggior rilievo dell'architettura organica. Romanticamente legato all'ideologia individualistica del "pionierismo" statunitense, si volse all'approfondimento del rapporto fra l'individuo e lo spazio architettonico e fra questo e la natura, assunta come fondamentale riferimento esterno. Questi suoi interessi lo portarono a prediligere come tema le case d'abitazione unifamiliari ("prairie houses"), che costituirono l'aspetto determinante del suo primo periodo di attività. Nel suo volume *Architettura organica* del 1939 Frank Lloyd Wright esprime compiutamente la sua idea di architettura. Un'architettura che ha come idea trainante il rifiuto della mera ricerca estetica o il semplice gusto superficiale, così come una società organica dovrebbe essere indipendente da ogni imposizione esterna contrastante con la natura dell'uomo.

## **Das Gesamtwerk, Allemand**

A little boy who loves to find shapes in nature grows up to be one of America's greatest architects in this inspiring biography of Frank Lloyd Wright. When Frank Lloyd Wright was a baby, his mother dreamed that he would become a great architect. She gave him blocks to play with and he learned that shapes are made up of many other shapes. As he grew up, he loved finding shapes in nature. Wright went on to study architecture and create buildings that were one with the natural world around them. He became known as one of the greatest American architects of all time.

## **The Shape of the World**

*50 Lessons to Learn from Frank Lloyd Wright* begins with a simple question. What lessons can designers today learn from Frank Lloyd Wright? Unlike recent books focusing on Wright's tumultuous personal life and the Taliesin Fellowship, and equally unlike certain works that paint Wright as a mythical hero or genius, this handsome and valuable volume aims to reveal some of the design tools Wright used to create exceptional architecture, interiors, and landscapes—and how we may glean insight from an American master and find inspiration for the thoughtful design of our own homes. By means of succinct examples, pithy texts by noted architecture experts Aaron Betsky and Gideon Fink Shapiro, and evocative visuals provided by photographer Andrew Pielage, they share fifty lessons, or "learning points," with an eye to Wright-designed houses and interiors, ranging from "Let Nature Inspire You," "Screen, Don't Close," and "Embroider Rooms with Textiles," to "Look to Asia," "Design for Resilience" and "Balance the Whole." Each lesson is accompanied by color photographs, original Wright drawings, newly commissioned diagrams, thoughtful analysis by the authors, and pearls of wisdom gathered from the master's trove of writings on architecture and design. Beyond specific lessons, this volume offers an informal yet richly detailed introduction to this seminal figure, world-famous for his romantic Fallingwater and magical Guggenheim Museum, and will be of much interest to the budding architecture enthusiast as well as to the interior designer, to those seeking ideas for their own homes, and to fans of Frank Lloyd Wright looking for just the right book.

## **50 Lessons to Learn from Frank Lloyd Wright**

Frank Lloyd Wright exercised a shaping influence on architectural history throughout the world as only very few other architects beside him have done. Daniel Treiber highlights the fundamental aspects of the American architect's work that are relevant from a contemporary perspective.

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“A superb study of what a stellar group of architects accomplished in the Iowa locale, not to mention the vision of the locals” (Universitas). In the early 1900s, Frank Lloyd Wright transformed a small midwestern prairie community into one of the world’s most important architectural destinations. Mason City, Iowa, became home to his City National Bank and Park Inn—the last surviving Wright hotel. In addition, his prototype Stockman House helped launch the Prairie School architectural style. Soon after, architect Walter Burley Griffin followed in Wright’s footsteps, designing a cluster of Prairie School homes in the Rock Crest/Rock Glen neighborhood. Design historian Roy Behrens leads the way through Mason City’s historic development from the Industrial Revolution to the modern era of Frank Lloyd Wright. Includes photos “A fine job of showcasing Wright’s work in Mason City while incorporating some of Wright’s personal (and scandalous!) history with the evolution of this north central Iowa town.” —The Poetry of Sight

## Frank Lloyd Wright and Mason City

Between 1898 and 1909, Frank Lloyd Wright’s residential studio in the idyllic Chicago suburb of Oak Park served as a nontraditional work setting as he matured into a leader in his field and formulized his iconic design ideology. Here, architectural historian Lisa D. Schrenk breaks the myth of Wright as the lone genius and reveals new insights into his early career. With a rich narrative voice and meticulous detail, Schrenk tracks the practice’s evolution: addressing how the studio fit into the Chicago-area design scene; identifying other architects working there and their contributions; and exploring how the suburban setting and the nearby presence of Wright’s family influenced office life. Built as an addition to his 1889 shingle-style home, Wright’s studio was a core site for the ideological development of the prairie house, one of the first truly American forms of residential architecture. Schrenk documents the educational atmosphere of Wright’s office in the context of his developing design ideology, revealing three phases as he transitioned from colleague to leader. This heavily illustrated book includes a detailed discussion of the physical changes Wright made to the building and how they informed his architectural thinking and educational practices. Schrenk also addresses the later transformations of the building, including into an art center in the 1930s, its restoration in the 1970s and 80s, and its current use as a historic house museum. Based on significant original and archival research, including interviews with Wright’s family and others involved in the studio and 180 images, *The Oak Park Studio of Frank Lloyd Wright* offers the first comprehensive look at the early independent office of one of the world’s most influential architects.

## Frank Lloyd Wright: Public buildings

For his critics and biographers, the 1930s have always been the most challenging period of Frank Lloyd Wright's career. This account uses the architect's long-inaccessible archives at Taliesin West to provide a balanced evaluation of Wright in the 1930s. It separates Wright's design activities from his self-promotion and places his philosophy of individualism within the context of the times.

## The Oak Park Studio of Frank Lloyd Wright

*Insufficient Funds: The Financial Life of Frank Lloyd Wright* By Peter C. Alexander Dozens of books have been written about architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s architecture, aesthetic, and various design achievements; however, no one has looked at his business practices... until now. In this book, Peter Alexander focuses on the financial life of this American architectural genius after more than fifteen years of research. Wright was a spendthrift who earned a considerable fortune over his lifetime, but he was a man who never had sufficient funds to meet his expenses. Most often, his lack of financial stability was because he had an insatiable need to spend money on Japanese art, pianos, cars, and other assorted luxury items. The material in the book comes from a wide variety of sources, including conversations and anecdotes that have been included in the many published works about Mr. Wright’s life and legacy as well as verifiable and apocryphal stories shared by docents conducting house tours. The book is also informed by considerable original material, including

archival records about Mr. Wright's financial life and interviews of two of his grandchildren, his Spring Green, Wisconsin neighbors, former apprentices, students enrolled in the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, and homeowners who worked with Wright to build their dream homes.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright**

Examines the life and achievements of the 20th-century architect.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright Versus America**

Oak Park and River Forest are a mecca for Wright scholars and enthusiasts. Nowhere else can one visit so many Frank Lloyd Wright buildings and experience the architect's Prairie-style philosophy so fully. *Hometown Architect* is a thorough chronicle of that experience. Even if you have not had the good fortune to see these houses firsthand, the textual and photographic tours comprising this book will make you feel as though you have. *Hometown Architect* presents twenty-seven Wright homes, and *Unity Temple*, documenting one of the architect's most influential periods of his career. The last chapter surveys eight lost, altered, and possibly Wright homes. More than ninety photographs of the buildings' exteriors and interiors are accompanied by descriptive captions, while introductory text to each chapter details the story behind each commission, addressing Wright's relationships with his clients, the importance of each building in Wright's oeuvre, and the characteristics that make each house unique. The endpapers of this book feature a map locating all the sites discussed. By Patrick F. Cannon, introduction by Paul Kruty, photography by James Caulfield. Published in cooperation with the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust.

## **Insufficient Funds**

Florida Southern College in Lakeland boasts the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world. With eleven buildings planned and designed by Wright, the campus forms a rich tableau for examining the architect's philosophy and design practice. In this fully illustrated volume, Dale Allen Gyure tells the engaging story of the ambitious project from beginning to end. The college's dynamic president, Ludd M. Spivey, wanted the grounds and buildings redesigned to embody a modern and distinctly American expression of Protestant theology. Informed by Spivey's vision, his own early educational experience, and his architectural philosophy, Wright conceived the "Child of the Sun" complex. Much like Thomas Jefferson's famous plan for the University of Virginia, the academic village that Wright designed for Florida Southern College expresses a dramatic and personal statement about education in a democratic society. Little studied to date, this significant campus and its history are finally given the attention they deserve in this fascinating volume.

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Frank Lloyd Wright was renowned during his life not only as an architectural genius but also as a subject of controversy—from his radical design innovations to his turbulent private life, including a notorious mass murder that occurred at his Wisconsin estate, Taliesin, in 1914. But the estate also gave rise to one of the most fascinating and provocative experiments in American cultural history: the Taliesin Fellowship, an extraordinary architectural colony where Wright trained hundreds of devoted apprentices and where all of his late masterpieces—Fallingwater, Johnson Wax, the Guggenheim Museum—were born. Drawing on hundreds of new and unpublished interviews and countless unseen documents from the Wright archives, *The Fellowship* is an unforgettable story of genius and ego, sex and violence, mysticism and utopianism. Epic in scope yet intimate in its detail, it is a stunning true account of how an idealistic community devolved into a kind of fiefdom where young apprentices were both inspired and manipulated, often at a staggering personal cost, by the architect and his imperious wife, Olgyivanna Hinzenberg, along with her spiritual master, the legendary Greek-Armenian mystic Georgi Gurdjieff. A magisterial work of biography, it will forever change how we think about Frank Lloyd Wright and his world.

## **Hometown Architect**

Frank Lloyd Wright designed and realized over 500 buildings between 1886 and 1959 for a wide range of clients. In Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, architect Steven M. Reiss presents the updated and detailed story of one of Wright's few Virginia commissions. Designed and built for Loren and Charlotte Pope and later purchased by Marjorie and Robert Leighey, the Pope-Leighey House stands as a stunning example of an innovative form of shelter--which Wright called Usonian--for families beset by the Great Depression. Here, and elsewhere, Wright offered a unique and unprecedented approach for homes that would be small yet architecturally significant, carefully sited, and constructed of readily available local materials. He believed that anyone with an acre of land should have the opportunity to own a Usonian home. Set in Northern Virginia, the Pope-Leighey House has an unusual history in that it has been moved twice, first to the grounds of the National Trust's Woodlawn to rescue it from the path of Route 66 in Falls Church, then to re-site it to better correspond to its original orientation. Wright's mission was to remind us that "we need to see life in simpler terms." In this amply illustrated book, Reiss echoes Wright's reminder that small, carefully built structures should be the starting point of sustainable and environmentally responsible house design.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright on Architecture**

Wright's family history, personal adventures, and colorful friends are explored in this evocative biography. Secret had unprecedented access to an extensive archive of Wright's letters, photographs, drawings and books. "Secret's achievement is to etch Wright's character in sharp relief. . . . (She) presents Wright in his every guise".--Blair Kamin, "Chicago Tribune". 121 photos.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright's Florida Southern College**

Frank Lloyd Wright began making contributions to the Modern movement in his home in Oak Park.

## **The Fellowship**

The architect of the Guggenheim Museum, Fallingwater, the Robie House, and the Johnson Wax Administration Building, Frank Lloyd Wright once said, You do not learn by way of your successes. No one does. Just as he flouted convention in a series of astonishing buildings, so did Wright go against the grain in his career as a writer and lecturer. On subjects as diverse as McCarthyism (he called the senator from Wisconsin a political pervert) and cement blocks, he produced countless lectures and articles, a half-dozen books, and a remarkable series of informal talks delivered to his apprentices on Sunday mornings. Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, the author of several collections of Wright's writings and Director of Archives for the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, has culled more than two hundred quotations from a wide range of sources, drawing heavily on transcripts of the Sunday talks. The themes to which Wright returned most often serve as the books sections: the value of architecture takes precedence, but topics such as government and the getting of wisdom elicited memorable and pungent comments. Wright was brash, outspoken, funny, irreverent, and unafraid of the most sweeping generalizations. In "Frank Lloyd Wright on Architecture, Nature, and the Human Spirit," all those qualities shine, but so do the architect's religious faith, his unswerving commitment to hard work, and a firm moral scheme that connected the two.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House**

Previously unpublished conversations of 'The Father of Modern Architecture' with such notables as Carl Sandburg, Mike Wallace, Alistair Cooke and Hugh Downs. In this magnificently illustrated volume, Wright shares his often controversial views on art, literature, society, history and architecture. Photographs of Wright's greatest achievements accompany these provocative conversations. This book presents a penetrating portrait of the architect, exposing his humor, charm and guiding philosophy—an intense faith in the

individual, the independent mind and the free spirit.

## **In the Cause of Architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright**

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