

Louis Kahn Essential Text

"Architects and engineers, city planners and administrators, sociologists and scientists have contributed to cover the problems of ... future development in the field of architecture, city and regional planning".--BOOKJACKET.

The publication of this book coincides with the centenary of the birth of American architect Louis Kahn (1901-1974), though its immediate occasion is the new collection of photographs that illustrate the text and provide an opportunity to reconsider Kahn's achievement and his way of working. Architectural historian Joseph Rykwert has written a sensitive appreciation of Kahn's career and oeuvre, and photographer Roberto Schezen traveled the world to photograph fifteen of Kahn's major projects especially for this volume. Supplementing the photographs are dozens of Kahn's sketches and plans for many of his built and unbuilt designs.

Gathers Kahn's speeches, writings, interviews, and journal entries, and shares the reminiscences of fellow architects

A place of astonishing contrasts, India is home to some of the world's most ancient architectures as well as some of its most modern. It was the focus of some of the most important works created by Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn, among other lesser-known masters, and it is regarded by many as one of the key sites of mid-twentieth century architectural design. As Peter Scriver and Amit Srivastava show in this book, however, India's history of modern architecture began long before the nation's independence as a modern state in 1947. Going back to the nineteenth century, Scriver and Srivastava look at the beginnings of modernism in colonial India and the ways that public works and patronage fostered new design practices that directly challenged the social order and values invested in the building traditions of the past. They then trace how India's architecture embodies the dramatic shifts in Indian society and culture during the last century. Making sense of a broad range of sources, from private papers and photographic collections to the extensive records of the Indian Public Works Department, they provide the most rounded account of modern architecture in India that has yet been available.

Ian McHarg and the Search for Ideal Order looks at the well-known and studied landscape architect, Ian McHarg, in a new light. The author explores McHarg's formative years, and investigates how his ideas developed in both their complexity and scale. As a precursor to McHarg's approach in his influential book *Design with Nature*, this book offers new interpretations into his search for environmental order and outlines how his struggle to understand humanity's relationship to the environment in an era of rapid social and technological change reflects an ongoing challenge that landscape design has yet to fully resolve. This book will be of great interest to academics and researchers in landscape architectural history.

A Symposium

The Construction of the Kimbell Art Museum

Designs on the Past, Present and Future

Modern Architectures in History

Revised and Expanded Edition

Form, Space, and Order

Listening for Meaning in a World of Noise

First published in 1996, *The Eyes of the Skin* has become a classic of architectural theory. It asks the far-reaching question why, when there are five senses, has one single sense – sight – become so predominant in architectural culture and design? With the ascendancy of the digital and the all-pervasive use of the image electronically, it is a subject that has become all the more pressing and topical since the first edition's publication in the mid-1990s. Juhani Pallasmaa argues that the suppression of the other four sensory realms has led to the overall impoverishment of our built environment, often diminishing the emphasis on the spatial experience of a building and architecture's ability to inspire, engage and be wholly life enhancing. For every student studying Pallasmaa's classic text for the first time, *The Eyes of the Skin* is a revelation. It compellingly provides a totally fresh insight into architectural culture. This third edition meets readers' desire for a further understanding of the context of Pallasmaa's thinking by providing a new essay by architectural author and educator Peter MacKeith. This text combines both a biographical portrait of Pallasmaa and an outline of his architectural thinking, its origins and its relationship to the wider context of Nordic and European thought, past and present. The focus of the essay is on the fundamental humanity, insight and sensitivity of Pallasmaa's approach to architecture, bringing him closer to the reader. This is illustrated by Pallasmaa's sketches and photographs of his own work. The new edition also provides a foreword by the internationally renowned architect Steven Holl and a revised introduction by Pallasmaa himself.

Concise lessons in design, drawing, the creative process, and presentation, from the basics of "How to Draw a Line" to the complexities of color theory. This is a book that students of architecture will want to keep in the studio and in their backpacks. It is also a book they may want to keep out of view of their professors, for it expresses in clear and simple language things that tend to be murky and abstruse in the classroom. These 101 concise lessons in design, drawing, the creative process, and presentation—from the basics of "How to Draw a Line" to the complexities of color theory—provide a much-needed primer in architectural literacy, making concrete what too often is left nebulous or open-ended in the architecture curriculum. Each lesson utilizes a two-page format, with a brief explanation and an illustration that can range from diagrammatic to whimsical. The lesson on "How to Draw a Line" is illustrated by examples of good and bad lines; a lesson on the dangers of awkward floor level changes shows the television actor Dick Van Dyke in the midst of a pratfall; a discussion of the proportional differences between traditional and modern buildings features a drawing of a building split neatly in half between the two. Written by an architect and instructor who remembers well the fog of his own student days, *101 Things I Learned in Architecture School* provides valuable guideposts for navigating the design studio and other classes in the architecture curriculum. Architecture graduates—from young designers to experienced practitioners—will turn to the book as well, for inspiration and a guide back to basics when solving a complex design problem.

Where is American art in the new millennium? At the heart of all cultural developments is diversity. Access through recent technology engenders interaction with artists from around the world. The visual arts in the United States are bold and pulsating with new ideas.

This book offers an in-depth look at space frame architecture, including space frame projects completed by such notable architects as I. M. Pei, Buckminster Fuller, Philip Johnson and Louis Kahn. Both theory and practice are included to offer a comprehensive overview of the history, current use, and future outlook for creating space frame structures. The 15 distinguished contributors to this book have extensive background in the architecture of space frames and offer an international perspective on the subject. The text is illustrated with hundreds of line drawings, black-and-white photos, and an eight-page color insert.

Concrete Design covers concrete design fundamentals for architects and engineers, such as tension, flexural, shear, and compression elements, anchorage, lateral design, and footings. As part of the Architect's Guidebooks to Structures Series it provides a comprehensive overview using both imperial and metric units of measurement. Written by experienced professional structural engineers Concrete Design is beautifully illustrated, with more than 170 black and white images, contains clear examples that show all design steps, and provides rules of thumb and simple tables for initial sizing. A refreshing change in textbooks for architectural materials courses, it is an indispensable reference for practicing architects and students alike. As a compact summary of key ideas it is ideal for anyone needing a quick guide to concrete design.

Kahn at Penn

The Words of Louis I. Kahn
The Life of Louis Kahn
A Memoir with Letters from Louis Kahn
Louis Kahn's Situated Modernism
The Architects: Louis Kahn
Louis I Kahn

The American architect Louis Kahn (1901 - 1974) is regarded as one of the great master builders of the twentieth century. With complex spatial compositions, an elemental formal vocabulary and a choreographic mastery of light, Kahn created buildings of archaic beauty. As the first comprehensive publication on this architect in 20 years, the book Louis Kahn - The Power of Architecture presents all of his important projects. It includes essays by prominent Kahn experts and an expansive illustrated biography with many new facts and insights about Kahn's life and work. In a number of interviews, leading architects such as Frank Gehry, Renzo Piano, Peter Zumthor and Sou Fujimoto underline Kahn's significance in today's architectural discourse. An extensive catalogue of works features original drawings and architectural models from the Kahn archive. The compendium is further augmented by a portfolio of Kahn's travel drawings as well as photographs by Thomas Florschuetz, which offer completely new views of the Salk Institute and the Indian Institute of Management.

Utopian thought, though commonly characterized as projecting a future without a past, depends on golden models for re-invention of what is. Through a detailed and innovative re-assessment of the work of three architects who sought to represent a utopian content in their work, and a consideration of the thoughts of a range of leading writers, Coleman offers the reader a unique perspective of idealism in architectural design. With unparalleled depth and focus of vision on the work of Le Corbusier, Louis I Kahn and Aldo van Eyck, this book persuasively challenges predominant assumptions in current architectural discourse, forging a new approach to the invention of welcoming built environments and transcending the limitations of both the postmodern and hyper-modern stance and orthodox modernist architecture.

A comprehensive documentation and analysis of the complete architectural work of Louis I. Kahn.

DIVLearning a new discipline is similar to learning a new language; in order to master the foundation of architecture, you must first master the basic building blocks of its language – the definitions, function, and usage. 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 introductory, historical view of the elements, as well as an overview of how these elements can and have been used across multiple design disciplines./divDIV /divDIVWhether you're new to the field or have been an architect for years, you'll want to flip through the pages of this book throughout your career and use it as the go-to reference for inspiration, ideas, and reminders of how a strong knowledge of the basics allows for meaningful, memorable, and beautiful fashions that extend beyond trends./divDIV /divDIVThis comprehensive learning tool is the one book you'll want as a staple in your library./divDIV /div

Born in Estonia 1901 and brought to America in 1906, the architect Louis Kahn grew up in poverty in Philadelphia. By the time of his mysterious death in 1974, he was widely recognized as one of the greatest architects of his era. Yet this enormous reputation was based on only a handful of masterpieces, all built during the last fifteen years of his life. Wendy Lesser's You Say to Brick: The Life of Louis Kahn is a major exploration of the architect's life and work. Kahn, perhaps more than any other twentieth-century American architect, was a "public" architect. Rather than focusing on corporate commissions, he devoted himself to designing research facilities, government centers, museums, libraries, and other structures that would serve the public good. But this warm, captivating person, beloved by students and admired by colleagues, was also a secretive man hiding under a series of masks. Kahn himself, however, is not the only complex subject that comes vividly to life in these pages. His signature achievements—like the Salk Institute in La Jolla, the National Assembly Building of Bangladesh, and the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad—can at first seem as enigmatic and beguiling as the man who designed them. In attempts to describe these structures, we are often forced to speak in contradictions and paradoxes: structures that seem at once unmistakably modern and ancient; enormous built spaces that offer a sense of intimate containment; designs in which light itself seems tangible, a raw material as tactile as travertine or Kahn's beloved concrete. This is where Lesser's talents as one of our most original and gifted cultural critics come into play. Interspersed throughout her account of Kahn's life and career are exhilarating "in situ" descriptions of what it feels like to move through his built structures. Drawing on extensive original research, lengthy interviews with his children, his colleagues, and his students, and travel to the far-flung sites of his career-defining buildings, Lesser has written a landmark biography of this elusive genius, revealing the mind behind some of the twentieth century's most celebrated architecture.

New Architecture and City Planning

Louis Kahn: The Importance of Drawing

The Architecture of Ruins

Tradition as Mediation: Louis I. Kahn

Our Days Are Like Full Years

The Essential Louis Kahn

A Life in Architecture

"This major new collection introduces architecture to the beginning student or anyone who wants to learn about the built environment"--

Louis I. Kahn is widely known as an architect of powerful buildings. But although much has been said about his buildings, almost nothing has been written about Kahn as an unconventional teacher and philosopher whose influence on his students was far-reaching. Teaching was vitally important for Kahn, and through his Master's Class at the University of Pennsylvania, he exerted a significant effect on the future course of architectural practice and education. This book is a critical, in-depth study of Kahn's philosophy of education and his unique pedagogy. It is the first extensive and comprehensive investigation of the Kahn Master's Class as seen through the eyes of his graduate students at Penn. About the Book Louis I. Kahn (1901–1974) was one of the most prolific architects of the twentieth century. He taught architecture at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. He designed and built public and institutional projects in the United States and abroad. His buildings are treasured by architects, educators, and the public, and have received accolades, national and international recognition, and awards in architecture. Book Description The book traces Kahn's

approach to architectural design through his poetic phrases uttered in class, and it examines these as guidelines to establish a basic road map for architecture. Accompanied by concept sketches and photographs that describe Kahn's buildings in a personal light, Yetken walks us through buildings and recalls anecdotes, comments, and stories from Kahn's class and office. The approach to the subject matter is new. It is a fresh look at Louis Kahn. It doesn't repeat things that have already been written or said. It conveys the dynamism of Kahn in academic and professional practice environments. This book offers a brand-new context for understanding Kahn's philosophical views, deciphering his poetic musings as they relate to the actual design processes that took place in his class and in his office, in particular, based on the personal involvement of the author with the particular project. This is also an immigrant story—the coming-of-age of a young architect, from modest beginnings in his native Turkey, to a transformative intellectual and professional journey in America, and above all, to a successful career inspired by someone with greatness. Contribution and Readership The book is different from comparable architectural books. It is written in nonacademic, readable, and easily understandable language. It is the only book on the subject that describes how Kahn guided his students and his staff. It explains how he structured his approach, how he described architecture to his students and his coworkers in his office, and how he envisioned the role architects should play in society. The book will be helpful and appealing to a broad potential readership, such as students of architecture, art, and design; teachers of these disciplines; scholars of Louis Kahn and American architecture in general; practicing architects; and anyone interested in the creative design process.

First ed. published as: Louis I. Kahn: talks with students. 1969.

In the development of contemporary architecture, no one has had a greater influence than Louis I. Kahn, whose many buildings include the Salk Institute, the Yale Study Center, and the Exeter Library. He is remembered, however, not only as a master builder, but also as one of the most important and creative thinkers of the twentieth century. For Kahn, the study of architecture was the study of human beings, their highest aspirations and most profound truths. He searched for forms and materials to express the subtlety and grandeur of life. In his buildings we see the realization of his vision: luminous surfaces that evoke a fundamental awe, silent courtyards that speak of the expansiveness and the sanctity of the spirit, monumental columns and graceful arches that embody dignity and strength. Updated with a new preface, this classic work is a major statement on human creativity, showing us Louis Kahn as architect, visionary, and poet.

Site Matters

The Language of Architecture

Utopias and Architecture

Conversations with Students

Louis I. Kahn

What Will be Has Always Been

A superb visual reference to the principles of architecture Now including interactive CD-ROM! For more than thirty years, the beautifully illustrated Architecture: Form, Space, and Order has been the classic introduction to the basic vocabulary of architectural design. The updated Third Edition features expanded sections on circulation, light, views, and site context, along with new considerations of environmental factors, building codes, and contemporary examples of form, space, and order. This classic visual reference helps both students and practicing architects understand the basic vocabulary of architectural design by examining how form and space are ordered in the built environment.? Using his trademark meticulous drawing, Professor Ching shows the relationship between fundamental elements of architecture through the ages and across cultural boundaries. By looking at these seminal ideas, Architecture: Form, Space, and Order encourages the reader to look critically at the built environment and promotes a more evocative understanding of architecture. In addition to updates to content and many of the illustrations, this new edition includes a companion CD-ROM that brings the book's architectural concepts to life through three-dimensional models and animations created by Professor Ching.

She demonstrates instead that Kahn's architecture is grounded in his deeply held modernist political, social, and artistic ideals, which guided him as he sought to rework modernism into a socially transformative architecture appropriate for the postwar world."

Examines why society began to be so loud, what it is that gets lost when one can no longer find quiet, and the benefits of decluttering our sonic world.

An intimate glimpse into the professional and romantic relationship between Harriet Pattison and the renowned architect Louis Kahn On a winter day in 1953, a mysterious man in a sheepskin coat stood out to Harriet Pattison, then a theater student at Yale. She would later learn he was the architect Louis Kahn (1901-1974). This chance encounter served as preamble to a fifteen-year romance, with Pattison becoming the architect's closest confidante, his intellectual partner, and the mother of his only son. Here for the first time, Pattison recounts their passionate and sometimes searing relationship. Married and twenty-seven years her senior, Kahn sent her scores of letters—many from far-flung places—until his untimely death. This book weaves together Pattison's own story with letters, postcards, telegrams, drawings, and photographs that reveal Kahn's inner life and his architectural thought process, including new insight into some of his greatest works, both built and unbuilt. What emerges is at once a poignant love story and a vivid portrait of a young woman striving to raise a family while forging an artistic path in the shadow of her famous partner.

A thoroughly updated and redesigned edition of McCarter's esteemed monograph on the globally-revered modern master. Louis I Kahn was one of the greatest influences on post-WWII world architecture, and in the twenty-first century his significance has skyrocketed. In this revised, expanded, and redesigned edition of Phaidon's bestselling and critically-acclaimed monograph, Robert McCarter explores how Kahn redefined Modern architecture - and why his work remains a fundamental source today. Extensively illustrated, this comprehensive overview includes both built and unbuilt projects, as well as a project realized forty years after Kahn's death - New York City's Four Freedoms Park.

Manual of Section

In Pursuit of Silence

Architecture

Unlearning Architecture

The Power of Architecture

Architecture and the Senses

Architecture as Philosophy

The Architecture of Ruins: Designs on the Past, Present and Future identifies an alternative and significant history of architecture from the sixteenth century to the twenty-first century, in which a building is designed, occupied and imagined as a ruin. This design practice conceives a monument and a ruin as creative, interdependent and simultaneous themes within a single building dialectic, addressing temporal and environmental questions in poetic, psychological and practical terms, and stimulating questions of personal and national identity, nature and culture, weather and climate, permanence and impermanence and life and death. Conceiving a building as a dialogue between a monument and a ruin intensifies the already blurred relations between the unfinished and the ruined and envisages the past, the present and the future in a single architecture. Structured around a collection of biographies, this book conceives a monument and a ruin as metaphors for a life and means to negotiate between a self and a society. Emphasising the interconnections between designers and the particular ways in which later architects learned from earlier ones, the chapters investigate an evolving, interdisciplinary design practice to show the relevance of historical understanding to design. Like a history, a design is a reinterpretation of the past that is meaningful to the present. Equally, a design is equivalent to a fiction, convincing users to suspend disbelief. We expect a history or a novel to be written in words, but they can also be delineated in drawing, cast in concrete or seeded in soil. The architect is a 'physical novelist' as well as a 'physical historian'. Like building sites, ruins are full of potential. In revealing not only what is lost, but also what is incomplete, a ruin suggests the future as well as the past. As a stimulus to the imagination, a ruin's incomplete and broken forms expand architecture's allegorical and metaphorical capacity, indicating that a building can remain unfinished, literally and in the imagination, focusing attention on the creativity of users as well as architects. Emphasising the symbiotic relations between nature and culture, a building designed, occupied and imagined as a ruin acknowledges the coproduction of multiple authors, whether human, non-human or atmospheric, and is an appropriate model for architecture in an era of increasing climate change.

A biographical portrait of Louis I. Kahn reassesses the role of the acclaimed architect in transforming twentieth-century architecture by translating a reverence for history and historical forms into a uniquely contemporary idiom and looks at Kahn's rise to the pinnacle of international architecture, his personal relationships with his clients, and his turbulent romantic life.

Accademia di architettura Mendrisio This publication on the construction of the Kimbell Art Museum by Louis I. Kahn may prove very useful to students, and to anyone interested in gaining further knowledge of the distinctive features of the Kimbell museum. It documents the long and arduous quest that often characterizes a creative process-- even that of a great master such as Louis I. Kahn. The design of the Kimbell Art Museum is the product of extraordinary intuition, and results in a masterly synthesis that solves all the problems posed by the site and the specific purpose of the construction. i Cataloghi dell'Accademia di architettura 2 The series "I Cataloghi" documents the exhibitions, i.e. reviews undertaken by the Academy of Architecture of the architectural works and events of the 20th century. The initial stages are dedicated primarily to a comparison between the principal figures of this century and contemporary emerging architects. This comparison attempts to trace the link that unites the birth and development of a theory to its subsequent concrete application, along the 'winding path' of research. The exhibitions and their accompanying catalogues aim to offer all readers, not only those attending the Academy, a review of architects and architectural works that have enriched and continue to enrich the discipline of building. Accademia di architettura Mendrisio This publication on the construction of the Kimbell Art Museum by Louis I. Kahn may prove very useful to students, and to anyone interested in gaining further knowledge of the distinctive features of the Kimbell museum. It documents the long and arduous quest that often characterizes a creative process-- even that of a great master such as Louis I. Kahn. The design of the Kimbell Art Museum is the product of extraordinary intuition, and results in a masterly synthesis that solves all the problems posed by the site and the specific purpose of the construction. i Cataloghi dell'Accademia di architettura 2 The series "I Cataloghi" documents the exhibitions, i.e. reviews undertaken by the Academy of Architecture of the architectural works and events of the 20th century. The initial stages are dedicated primarily to a comparison between the principal figures of this century and contemporary emerging architects. This comparison attempts to trace the link that unites the birth and development of a theory to its subsequent concrete application, along the 'winding path' of research. The exhibitions and their accompanying catalogues aim to offer all readers, not only those attending the Academy, a review of architects and architectural works that have enriched and continue to enrich the discipline of building.

In the era of the Anthropocene, site matters are more pressing than ever. Building on the concepts, theories, and multi-disciplinary approaches raised in the first edition, this publication strives to address the changes that have taken place over the last 15 years with new material to complement and re-position the initial volume. Reaching across design disciplines, this highly illustrated anthology assembles essays from architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, historians, and artists to explore ways to physically and conceptually engage site. Thoughtful discourse and empirically grounded pieces combine to provide the language and theory to contextualize the meanings of site in the built environment. The increasingly complex hybridity of constructed environments today demands new tools for thinking about and working with site. Drawing contributions from outside and within the traditional design disciplines, this edition will trace important developments in site thinking with new essays on topics such as climate change, landscape as infrastructure, shifts from global to planetary urbanization debates, and the proliferation of participatory site transformation practices.

Edited by two leading practitioners and academics, Site Matters juxtaposes timeless contributions from individuals including Elizabeth Meyer, Robert Beaugard, and Robin Dripps with original new writings from Peter Marcuse, Jane Wolff, Neil Brenner, and Thaisa Way, amongst others, to recontextualize and reignite the debate around site. An ideal text for students, academics, and researchers interested in site and design theory.

Elements of Architecture explores new ways of engaging architecture in archaeology. It conceives of architecture both as the physical evidence of past societies and as existing beyond the physical environment, considering how people in the past have not just dwelled in buildings but have existed within them. The book engages with the meeting point between these two perspectives. For although archaeologists must deal with the presence and absence of physicality as a discipline, which studies humans through things, to understand humans they must also address the performances, as well as temporal and affective impacts, of these material remains. The contributions in this volume investigate the way time, performance and movement, both physically and emotionally, are central aspects of understanding architectural assemblages. It is a book about the constellations of people, places and things that emerge and dissolve as affective, mobile, performative and temporal engagements. This volume juxtaposes archaeological research with perspectives from anthropology, architecture, cultural geography and philosophy in order to explore the kaleidoscopic intersections of elements coming together in architecture. Documenting the ephemeral, relational, and emotional meeting points with a category of material objects that have defined much research into what it means to be human, Elements of Architecture elucidates and expands upon a crucial body of evidence which allows us to explore the lives and interactions of past societies.

In the Realm of Architecture

Between Silence and Light

You Say to Brick

Beyond Time and Style : a Life in Architecture

Beyond the Cube

The Eyes of the Skin

The Grove Encyclopedia of American Art

For everyone interested in the enduring appeal of Louis Kahn, this book demonstrates that a close look at how Kahn put his buildings together will reveal a deeply felt philosophy. Louis I. Kahn is one of the most influential and poetic architects of the twentieth century, a figure whose appeal extends beyond the realm of specialists. In this book, noted Kahn expert John Lobell explores how Kahn's focus on structure, respect for materials, clarity of program, and reverence for details come together to manifest an overall philosophy. Kahn's work clearly conveys a kind of "transcendent rootedness"--a rootedness in the fundamentals of architecture that also asks soaring questions about our experience of light and space, and even how we fit into the world. In Louis Kahn: Architecture as Philosophy, John Lobell seeks to reveal how Kahn's buildings speak to grand humanistic concerns. Through examinations of five of Kahn's great buildings--the Richards Medical Research Building in Philadelphia; the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla; the Phillips Exeter Academy Library in New Hampshire; the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth; and the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven--Lobell presents a clear but detailed look at how the way these buildings are put together presents Kahn's philosophy, including how Kahn wishes us to experience them. An architecture book that touches on topics that addresses the universal human interests of consciousness and creativity, Louis Kahn: Architecture as Philosophy helps us understand our place and the nature of well-being in the built environment.

An astounding treasury of drawings and plans from one of the 20th century's greatest architects, offering unprecedented insight into his design process "The importance of a drawing is immense, because it's the architect's language," famed architect Louis Kahn, one of the most significant architects of the 20th century, told his masterclass in 1967. While much of his built work has been heavily studied, this publication chooses instead to focus on Kahn's prolific arsenal of drawings and plans, some of which were never realized. The Importance of a Drawing provides an in-depth look into the subtleties of Kahn's designs, featuring incisive analysis from architectural experts and over 600 high-quality reproductions of work by Kahn and his associates. A testament to the architect's meticulous craft, this volume is an essential addition to the library of established designers as well as students of architecture. Louis Kahn (1901-74) was an Estonian-born American architect who worked in Philadelphia for the majority of his life. Inspired early in his career by European medievalism and later the ruins of much older civilizations, Kahn was notable for his ability to meld the modernist tendencies of his time with the classical poise of ancient monuments. Some of his major designs include the National Parliament House in Dhaka, Bangladesh and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California. Some of Kahn's unrealized projects, such as the Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island, have since been constructed posthumously. Kahn taught at Yale School of Architecture from 1947 to 1957 and then at the University of Pennsylvania until his death.

The man who envisioned and realized such landmark buildings as the Salk Institute, the Kimbell Art Museum, and the National Assembly complex in Bangladesh, Louis Kahn was born in what is now Estonia, immigrated to America, and became one of the towering figures in his adopted country's built world. His works are unmistakable in their elegance, monolithic power, and architectural honesty. Written by Carter Wiseman, one of Kahn's most respected commentators, this book offers a succinct, accessible examination of the life and work of one of America's greatest architects. It traces the influence of his immigrant origins, his upbringing in poverty, his education, the impact of the Great Depression, and the arrival of Modernism on his life and work. Finally, it provides insight into why, as the legacy of many of his contemporaries has receded in importance, Kahn's has remained so durably influential. Louis Kahn: A Life in Architecture provides the best concise introduction available to this singular life and achievement.

The Essential Louis Kahn Prestel Publishing

A thoughtful selection of the celebrated architect's speeches and writings.

Assembling archaeology, atmosphere and the performance of building spaces

Concrete Design

101 Things I Learned in Architecture School

Introduction to Architecture

The Architecture of Space Frames and Polyhedra

Louis Kahn

Louis I. Kahn Graduate Studio and Office

This visual tour of every one of the buildings designed solely by Louis Kahn represents the architect's greatest accomplishments. Exemplifying the design process and principles this book focuses on the more than twenty buildings that were designed solely by Louis Kahn. From his native city of Philadelphia to the heart of Bangladesh, Kahn's architecture reflected his fascination with science, mathematics, history, and nature. Striking new interior and exterior photographs by esteemed architectural photographer Cemal Emdin reveal the characteristic features of Kahn's aesthetic: juxtaposed masses, a play of line and shape, geometric precision, and archetypical rhythms. Also evident in the images is the way Kahn's designs flourish in a variety of settings--religious, governmental, educational, and residential. The book gives close attention to Kahn's most iconic buildings, including the Medical Research Laboratories at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; Erdman Hall at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania; the Institute of Management in Ahmedabad, India; the Capitol Complex in Dhaka, Bangladesh; and the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, as well as a cluster of residences he designed in the Philadelphia area. An essay by architecture professor Caroline Maniaque and a selection of Kahn's most insightful statements complete this book, which allows for a rich understanding of Kahn's architectural ingenuity.

Architecture has long been understood as a cultural discipline able to articulate the human condition and lift the human spirit, yet the sacredness of architecture is rarely directly addressed in academic scholarship. The seventeen chapters provide a diverse range of perspectives, grouped into topical themes: Being in the World; Sacred, Secular, and the Contemporary Condition; Symbolic Engagements; Sacred Landscapes; and Spirituality in the Designed Environment. Even though the authors' approach the subject from a range of disciplines and theoretical positions, all share a common need to rediscover, redefine, or reclaim the sacred in everyday experience, scholarly analysis, and design.

This book explores Louis I. Kahn's approach to tradition as revealed in two of his important, unbuilt, projects. Focusing on Kahn's design for the Dominican Motherhouse of St. Catherine de Ricci, Media, Pennsylvania (1965-1969), and the Hurva Synagogue, Jerusalem, Israel (1967-1970), it challenges prevailing aesthetic and methodological assessments of Kahn's use of tradition. It reveals how an authentic and critical theological and humanistic study of tradition nourished Kahn's designs, enabling him to mediate historical rituals, ideas and beliefs – and to develop designs rooted deep in human culture while addressing real modern concerns. The book evaluates Kahn's works as a creative recreation of the past, shedding light on the potential value of the meaningful consideration of tradition in modern times.

Along with plan and elevation, section is one of the essential representational techniques of architectural design; among architects and students, discussions about a project's section are common and often intense. Until now, however, there has been no framework to describe or evaluate it. This book fills this void. Paul Lewis, Marc Tsurumaki, and David J. Lewis have developed seven categories of section, revealed in structures ranging from simple one-story buildings to complex structures featuring stacked forms, fantastical shapes, internal holes, inclines, sheared planes, nested forms, and more thereof. To illustrate these categories, the authors construct sixty-three intricately detailed cross-section perspective drawings of buildings, including the most significant structures in international architecture from the last one hundred years—based on extensive archival research. Manual includes smart and accessible essays on the history and uses of section.

Originally published in 1975 as a memorial to the Kimbell Art Museum's architect, Louis I. Kahn, *Light Is the Theme* provides an extended exploration of the major themes articulated in his design for the museum. The text consists solely of Kahn's own words and explores his innovative use of light, his playful employment of materials, which achieve their most refined state in the Kimbell, widely regarded as the architect's crowning achievement. As admired as one of the greatest museum buildings of the 20th century. Marking the 40th anniversary of the Kimbell Art Museum, this is a classic book, updated with a new bibliography and a foreword by director Eric M. Lee, has been available outside of the museum.

Elements of Architecture

Strategies for Uncertainty Through Planning and Design

Light is the Theme

The Dominican Motherhouse & The Hurva Synagogue

India

Louis I. Kahn and the Kimbell Art Museum : Comments on Architecture

Ian McHarg and the Search for Ideal Order

Louis Kahn's monolithic buildings defied convention and defined an era. Like the architect himself, his structures were both complex and simplistic, expressing an underlying strength while displaying a singularly bold vision. Here, in this short-form book by award-winning author Charles L. Mee Jr., is Kahn's extraordinary story.

Spirit in the Architecture of Louis I. Kahn

26 Principles Every Architect Should Know

Architecture, Culture, and Spirituality

Essential Texts

Transformative Teacher of Architecture