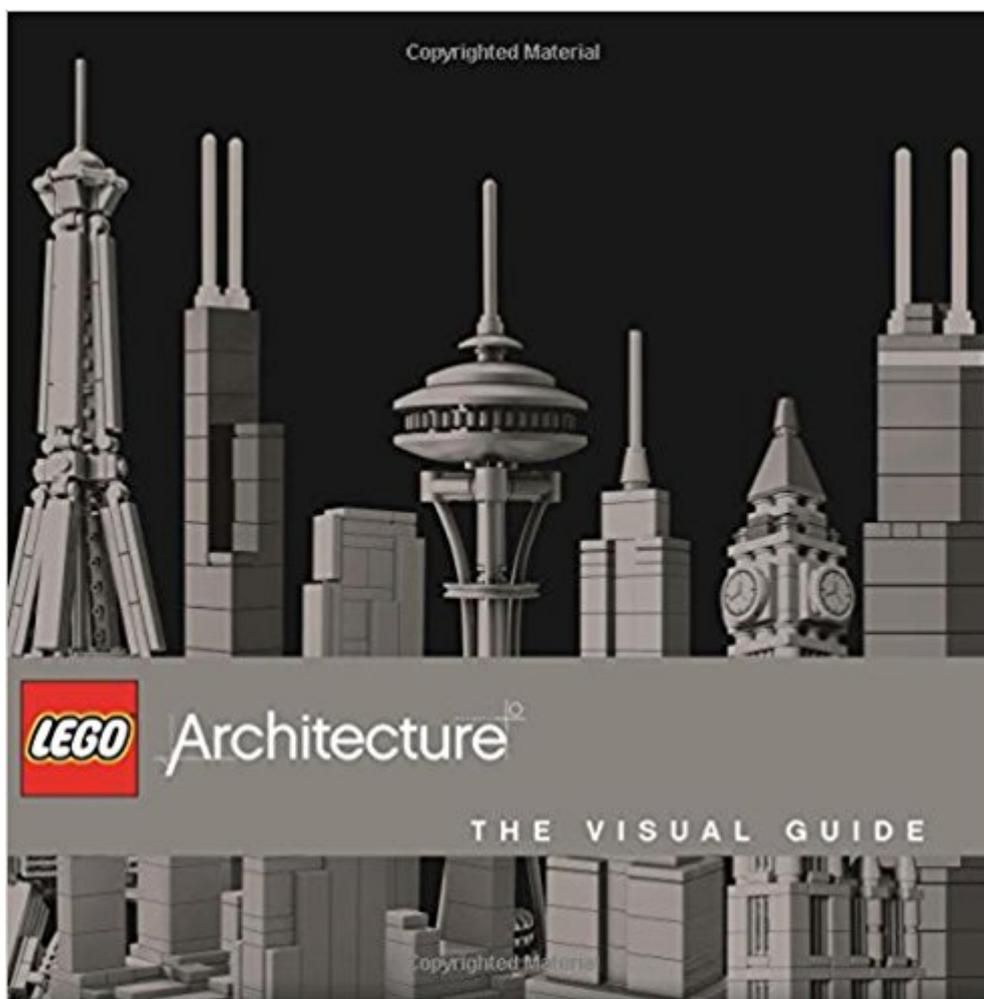


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# LEGO Architecture: The Visual Guide



## Synopsis

Created in close collaboration with The LEGO Group and Adam Reed Tucker, LEGO's® Architecture visionary, LEGO Architecture: The Visual Guide takes a deep look at the artists, builders, and inspiration behind the LEGO Architecture series. Beautifully illustrated and annotated, this visual guide allows you to explore the LEGO team's creative process in building and understand how LEGO artists translated such iconic buildings into these buildable LEGO sets. Stunning images and in-depth exploration of the real buildings like the Guggenheim Museum or the Empire State Building, on which the LEGO Architecture series is based, provide you with a comprehensive look at the creation of these intricate sets. Learn why the LEGO team chose certain pieces and what particular challenges they faced. Read about the inspiration behind the creative processes and what designing and building techniques were used on various sets. Featuring profiles of the LEGO artists and builders who created the series and packaged in a sleek protective slipcase, LEGO Architecture: The Visual Guide is the ultimate illustrated tour of the LEGO Architecture series in all its micro-scale detail.

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Big Ben. Villa Savoye. Sungnyemun. The Leaning Tower of Pisa. Imperial Hotel. United Nations Headquarters. The Eiffel Tower. Trevi Fountain. John Hancock Center. Willis Tower. Empire State Building. Seattle Space Needle. Burj Khalifa. Marina Bay Sands. Index. Acknowledgments. LEGO Architecture: The Visual Guide This fascinating guide includes a foreword by renowned LEGO architectural artist Adam Reed Tucker. Tucker strives to capture the essence of a particular architectural landmark in its pure sculptural form. He does not view his models as literal replicas, but rather as artistic interpretations using LEGO bricks as a medium. As he continues to explore how to capture new LEGO Architecture buildings with LEGO bricks and plates, he finds the possibilities and challenges they offer almost magical.

FallingWater [View larger](#)

[View larger](#) [View larger](#) [View larger](#) LEGO Artist: Adam Reed Tucker "I wanted to engage the builder and to make the model interactive and dynamic. It slides apart sequentially, like a Japanese puzzle box." The Model A sizable and complex model, Fallingwater uses its large number of bricks to represent both the house and its surroundings. In Focus The roof, the house's different levels, and even the base can be removed, revealing the inner parts and structure of the building.

[View larger](#) The Original Trees, rocks, and water dominate Fallingwater's rural Pennsylvania site. While the stone-built portions of the house seem grounded and integrated with the natural stone beneath, the cantilevered terraces seem to float free in the landscape, almost touching the surrounding dense foliage.

"Lego enthusiasts will welcome this remarkable chronological accounting," and the Journal gives the following "VERDICT: Perfect for Lego fans and a great way to transition inquisitive young minds from toys to books." [Architectural Record](#) "It is a celebration of the LEGO models as much as it is a celebration of the original buildings." [Architectural Record](#) "A fascinating look into the world's iconic buildings and structures and the LEGO sets that celebrate them." [GeekDad](#)

My husband and I bought this as a Christmas gift for our ten-year-old grandson, who says he wants to be an architect. We also gave him one of the Lego models shown in the book. The book covers a

wide range of architectural landmarks which are included in the Lego Architecture set of models. If our grandson continues with his wish to be an architect, we will buy other models in this set for him as time goes on. We took a sneak peek at the book, and are very impressed with the layout, the information about the buildings, and the integration of the models with the real buildings. Lego had some impressive obstacles to overcome in creating the models -- many of them have rounded lines, and Lego blocks tend to be square. The Lego folks had to come up with some interesting solutions. We think this book and the models that go along with it will certainly stimulate our grandson's imagination.

The condition of what I got is bad. It seems like what I got is not brand new, but used one. But the contents of this book is really great, my boy like it, he enjoy Legos a lot.

As someone else wrote, as a middle-aged modeler with happy LEGO memories (as a child in Germany, it was everywhere), I love these representations, and the book wasn't bad. The photography is excellent, and I don't consider it LEGO's self-grandiose promotion of their own product. HOWEVER... disappointed in the lack of accuracy by Philip Wilkinson and Adam Reed Tucker. The timeline pages (10 & 11) are incorrect in which models are in the Architect and Landmark series. Sungnyemun Gate should be in Architect, and Burj Khalifa and Marina Bay Sands should be included in the Landmark group. I can see making that mistake, IF they weren't also including photos of the front of the LEGO boxes, which clearly stipulate which series each model is from. Perhaps a little inconsequential to some, but not to me, if I was going to attempt to collect one set or the other. But otherwise, no complaint about the content of the book. Well done.

This is a very well written and illustrated book. The Lego Architecture sets themselves are costly. However, you can enjoy many of them with this book's pictures.

I purchased this visual guide at the same time as LEGO Architecture Studio 21050 Playset. It is a beautiful book, well-printed. It is more an accompanying text and visual guide to the individual models of famous architecture in Lego's architecture series, one building per model. It is not a how to book to build specific models. But, you know this book would be a great sourcebook for young people considering a career in Architecture.

Love all Lego architecture books. This comes in a heavy duty skip case. Book is heavy and thick.

Love it!

I enjoy Legos a lot. Even as an adult nearing middle age, I still buy the occasional set and put them together. One series I've never gotten into though is the Architecture line. They're too small for my taste and I've never found them to look too much like the actual buildings they are modeled after. They just come off cheesy to me, especially the ones with "water." However I love coffee table books and especially design oriented ones, so I decided to give this one a try. I have to say, I am really glad I picked this up. Normally my reviews aren't this gushing, but I loved everything about it. The book is high quality in terms of both substance and style. It comes in an extremely durable slipcover with glossy matte finish and Lego artwork. The cover of the book is an inversion of the slipcover design, as it is shadows/silhouettes of the Legos compared to artsy photos on the box. I have to admit, this is the best slipcover for an item I've seen outside the ones Nippon Ichi makes for its premium edition videos. Color me impressed. The book itself is equally awesome. Not only do each of the twenty-two offerings in the Lego Architecture line get their own section, each one has a plethora of interesting information and wonderful photos taken of them. Take Big Ben, which is pretty much my standard for why I don't think the Lego Architecture line is very good. You get tons of pictures of the complete piece, each from different angles, along with footnoted tidbits about the design process. You also get photos of the real structure the Lego set was patterned after. There is a side by side (well page by page) comparison of the real thing with the Lego version, and also a history of the building and its chief designer(s). So not only do you learn a lot about what went into the Lego version, but you also walk away with having learned something about the real historical piece. I loved that! each entry in this visual guide follows the same format and it really is a joy to read. Besides the sections on the specific Lego sets, you also get a timeline for the series, profiles of the Lego staff that designed these sets, information on the creative process and a look at the different bricks used in all of the sets. Although I probably won't buy any of the Architecture sets showcased in this collection, I really did learn a lot from this book and it was as fun to read as it was to look at. I walked away with some more respect for the Architecture line and I'm sure I will flip through this again from time to time.

I bought this as a christmas gift for my Lego-loving adult boyfriend. He is a big fan of the architecture series, but doesn't own any of the individual building sets. The book offers details about the different sets, and about the real buildings themselves. He wants to try to assemble some of the architecture buildings with the Legos he already has using the book. We were surprised at the

quality and look of the book as well. It has nice glossy pages, very clean and beautiful presentation, and it comes in a hard protective book shell which is great. I would totally buy it again.

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