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Booklist and Reader's Advisory, May 2025

Recently published architectural books and related works, selected by **Barbara Opar**, Librarian for Architecture, Syracuse University Libraries. Barbara can be reached at baopar@syr.edu.

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May Magazine Picks



This month's selections have been compiled by Pisey Kim, a 4th year B. ARCH student at Syracuse University.

Selections:

Adams & Sutherland. "Plumstead High Street Good Growth". *AJ Specification*. February 2025).p.21-33.

"This sequence of public realm interventions is located on Plumstead High Street in south-east London. Funded by both the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund and the Royal Borough of Greenwich, the works were aimed at bringing investment to Plumstead town center, uplifting the pedestrian experience through an improved sense of place and identity and mitigating the impact of climate change. Improvements to the junction of the High Street and White Hart Road, plus adjustments to White Hart Road, a vital link from

the High Street to the Ridgeway and new residential development beyond, calm traffic and increase footways." (22)

Cameron, Richard. "Forward Momentum." *Traditional Building*. no. 2, vol. 38. April 2025.p.44-51

"What should our cities look like? Do we want- do we deserve- architectural grandeur to enhance the public realm and ennoble our daily lives? Richard Cameron's proposals for a new Pennsylvania Station- three variations on the theme of Charles McKim's original edifice- answer these questions unambiguously. The architect says, in effect, let's build what we truly want, create the greatest possible value for our city, and put paid to the abject built mediocrity that has been our lot for too long." (44)

Coll, Agustin. "Infilltraits: How to kickstart Housebuilding on Leftover Urban Plot" *Architects' Journal*. (vol 252, issue 02). p.14-19,

"Last month, the chancellor, Rachel Reeves, went big. She vowed to do big things to make big impacts. The Labour government, she said, would go 'further and faster' to kickstart economic growth.

As well as her controversial commitment to a third runway at Heathrow airport, she outlined plans for 18 new towns.

But big dreams take time to come true and the government needs quick wins to make a dent in its target of 1.5 million new homes by 2030.

Because despite Labour's ambitions, the number of new homes being built in England bumps limply along. Only 107,000 new homes (based on EPC certificates) have been recorded in the wake of July's election victory..." (14)

Collins, Owen. "Organic Dance Designs." *Frank Lloyd Wright Quarterly*. Issue 2, 2024.p.22-33.

"While almost every theatre professional starts working in amateur theatre, it rarely receives any recognition or attention. Indeed, few amateur groups have meaningful connections or stories associated with them. However, one group has a fascinating lineage and is connected to one of America's most celebrated architects, Frank Lloyd Wright. To most, the name Frank Lloyd Wright is immediately recognizable." (22)

Coughlin, Sean. "The perfumer's garden: scent and well-being in some Greek and Roman Sources." *Studies in the History of Gardens & Designed Landscapes*. (no. 2-3. vol. 44, April-September 2024). p. 118-148.

"Around the year 180 CE, plague came to the city of Rome and the emperor Commodus left for the country.' As the third-century Greek-language historian Herodian tells the story, two-thousand people a day were dying in Rome, with animals and livestock

destroyed as well. Fearing for Commodus' safety, his doctors suggested that he leave the city to sun-found himself with fragrant vapors, which would overpower the corrupting influence of the plague. Following their advice, he left for the imperial villa at Laurentum, southwest of the city on the Tyrrhenian Sea, named for its ancient laurel groves." (118)

Ing, Will "Wrapped Around the Past" *Architects' Journal*. (vol 252, issue 02). p.55-66.

"It must have sounded like a plum job when Reiach and Hall Architects won it in 2013, but it came with difficulties. The new exhibition and archive space had to meet stringent museum standards while also withstanding decades of ruthless Highland weather. Moreover, money was very limited, and the project dragged on. Planning was secured in 2018 while construction started in 2021, completing in 2023. One suspects Reiach and Hall, based on a 141-mile drive away in Edinburgh, didn't earn much from the job." (55)

Jiakun, Lui. "A Common Strategy." *Arquitectura Viva*. no. 272. May 2025. p.21-24.

"A country where private practice of the architectural profession was prohibited until the 1980s can congratulate itself for having already landed two Pritzkers. Like the 2012 winner Wang Shu, Liu Jiakun represents a China marked with that world of generic megalopolises and imported architectures: one which, without nostalgia, returns to their place and people to root decisions in their personal and material context.

AV 109-110 "China Boom" barely highlights flashes of his work, so in the idea of rethinking this architecture, *AV's Viva* offers a run-through of its core themes via specific case studies and ends in recent highly personal, narrative experiences." (22)

Sperry, Jennifer. "Cast Iron House." *Traditional Building*. no. 2, vol. 38. April 2025. p.60-61.

"Originally designed by New York City architect W. Wheeler Smith and built by James J. White, the patinaed structure impresses with a neoclassical facade. It's a head-turning ode to American architecture south of Broadway. And thanks to an outside-of-the-box, renovation by visionary architecture Finn Shigeru Ban Architects, it breathes new life as a luxury residential building." (60).

Stephen, Jacqueline "Faith Museum." *The Architectural Review*. (no. 1519, March 2025). p.40- 46.

"The Norton Folgate site, comprising three urban blocks, sits within the Elder Street Conservation Area in a prominent position within the City Fringe between the City of London and Shoreditch. While the conservation area is small, there are dramatic changes in character from one street to the next. The masterplan was developed to respond to this mixed character, bringing vacant or under-used buildings back into use and reconnecting and enhancing the public realm.

Rather than applying a blanket strategy, the masterplan employs a building-by-building

approach to the retained buildings, using restoration, refurbishment, extension, remodeling and façade retention to breathe new life into the architecture. Sensitively designed new buildings have been introduced in a palette of materials, including brick, which was selected for its robustness, quality, and appropriateness to the conservation area's character." (40)

Zarcola Architetti. "Larun House, Tregnago (Italy)". *Arquitectura Viva*. no 272. May 2025, p.12-13.

"Rustic but refined like the pastoral characters of the ecologies. A small dwelling nestled into a village in the Lessin Mountain emerges from what was an old barn. between the stone walls of which a structure of fine wooden laths. set three centimeters apart, has been fielded. Though lightweight, and therefore easy for self-build the system nonetheless allows incorporating an earthquake-proof frame..." (12)

Zentgraf, Dana. "The sweet taste of soil. Gardening with all the senses in Greco-Roman literature". *Studies in the History of Gardens & Designed Landscapes*. (no. 2-3. vol 44, April-September 2024). p.149-161.

"Madeleines are everywhere in the garden', 'writes science journalist and garden enthusiast Michael Pollan, alluding to a famous scene in Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*. In Proust's opus, the taste of the cookie brings back memories of the protagonist's childhood. Pollan describes the same phenomenon in *Second nature, A gardener's education*, but with reference to the 'acrid chemical smell' of a widely known garden pesticide. When Pollan notices this very specific odour, he instantly remembers his childhood days and doing garden work with his grandfather, who used the same brand." (149)

The Booklist

The Topic is Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility:

Marlowe, Pasha. [Creating Cultures of Neuroinclusion: A Framework for Peopling and Engaging Neurodiverse Talent](#). n.p.: Neurobelonging, 20234. ISBN: 9798991990905. 118 pages. Paperback: \$14.99.

The Subject is Architecture:

Architects

Ando, Tadao, Richard Pare. [Tadao Ando: Light and Space](#). London: Phaidon Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781838669294. 280 pages. Hardcover: \$124.92.

Bradley, Dominic. [Mid-Century Modern Designers](#). New York: Phaidon Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781838669270. 352 pages. Hardcover: \$89.95.

Ciccarelli, Lorenzo. [Vittorio Gregotti Architect of the Modern Project](#). London: Routledge, 2025. ISBN: 9781032902746. 184 pages. Hardcover: \$152.00.

Cohen, Jean-Louis. [Constructed Geographies: Paulo Mendes Da Rocha](#). New Haven: Yale University Press, 2024. ISBN: 9780300275455. 432 pages. Hardcover: \$60.00.

Hopkins, Burtram Collver. [John Mills Van Osdel, Architect and his Chicago: The Story of his Life: 1811 to 1891](#). n.p: FriesenPress, 2025. ISBN: 9781038311443. Hardcover: 452 pages. \$87.37. For details, see: www.johnmillsvanosdel.com or <https://books.friesenpress.com/store/title/119734000408480258>

Puente, Moises. [Lacaton & Vassal: Free Space, Transformation, Habiter](#). Cologne: Walther Konig Verlag, 2025. ISBN: 9783753307107. 208 pages. Paperback: \$43.41.

Rawlins, Christopher. [Fire Island Modernist: Horace Gifford and the Architecture of Seduction: Expanded Edition](#). New York: Metropolis Books, 2025. ISBN: 9781881616993. 224 pages. Hardback: \$65.00.

Weinfeld, Isay. [Isay Weinfeld Works](#). New York: Rizzoli, 2025. ISBN: 9780847842728. 512 pages. Hardcover: \$ 97.07.

Architecture, Ancient

Frej, William. [Unforgotten: Ancient Cities from a Distant Past](#). Staunton, Virginia: George F Thompson Publishing, 2025. ISBN: 9781960521088. 240 pages. Hardcover: \$43.88.

Metraux, Guy P.R. [Ancient Roman Villas: The Essential Sourcebook](#). Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, 2025. ISBN: 9781606069373. 479 pages. Paperback: \$55.00.

Architecture, Buddhist

Settar, S. [Early Buddhist Artisans and Their Architectural Vocabulary](#). London: Routledge, 2025. ISBN: 9781032548609. 162 pages. Paperback: \$56.99.

Architecture, Modern

Galan, Ignacio G. [Furnishing Fascism: Modernist Design and Politics in Italy](#). Minneapolis, Univ of Minnesota Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781517916824. 344 pages. Paperback: \$35.00.

Pilipovich, Sergey, Schnepf, Simonn, Gourinovitch, Oxana. [Raising the Curtain: Operatic Modernism and the Soviet Nations](#). Leipzig: Spector Books, 2025. ISBN: 9783959058025. 366 pages. Paperback: \$50.00.

Soloviov, Dmytro. [Ukrainian Modernism: Modernist Architecture of Ukraine](#). London: Fuel Publishing, 2025. ISBN: 9781739887872. 240 pages. Hardback: \$34.95.

Architecture – United States

Bommarito, Larry. [Abandoned St. Louis: Disappearing Beauty \(Abandoned Union\)](#). Charleston: America Through Time, 2025. ISBN: 9781634995061. 96 pages. Paperback: \$24.99.

Connors, Dennis. [The Gilded Age on Syracuse's James Street \(New York State Series\)](#). Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2025. ISBN: 9780815611738. 488 pages. Hardback: \$79.95.

Fraser, Jeffery. [Rebuilding Pittsburgh: RIDC and the Transformation of the Steel City](#). Essex, Connecticut: Globe Pequot, 2025. ISBN: 9781493091423. 198 pages. Paperback: \$24.95.

Architectural Design

Coyne, Richard. [AI and Language in the Urban Context](#). Oxfordshire: Routledge, 2025. ISBN: 9781032879901. 280 pages. Hardcover: \$48.99.

Architectural Education

Birrell, Charlotte. [Concerning...LAND: Stories](#). London, AA Publications, 2025. ISBN: 9781919624563. 72 pages. Paperback: \$9.95.

Architectural Exhibitions

Zagagoza, Rodolfo S., Adria, Miquel, Dellekamp, Derek. [Sexta Bienal De Arquitectura De La Ciudad De Mexico = Mexico City's Sixth Architecture Biennial](#). Mexico City: Arquine, 2025. ISBN: 978-6078880409. 128 pages. Paperback: \$28.85.

Architecture and Society

Erkkila, Catherine B. [Spaces of Immigration: American Ports, Railways, and Settlements \(Culture Politics & the Built Environment\)](#). Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2025. ISBN: 9780822948490. 272 pages. Hardcover: \$49.43.

Marques, Bruno. [Designing Therapeutic Environments: Social and Cultural Practice for Health and Well-Being](#). Oxfordshire: Routledge, 2025. ISBN: 9781032382760. 390 pages. Paperback: \$54.99.

Wiley, Amber N. [Model Schools in the Model City: Race, Planning, and Education in the Nation's Capital \(Culture Politics & the Built Environment\)](#). Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2025. ISBN: 9780822948469. 456 pages. Hardcover: \$75.00.

Zaw, Khin, Aung Myat. [District Cooling Systems: A Practical Approach and Application for Design, Operations, and Best Practice](#). Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781032670140. 228 pages. Hardcover: \$160.00.

Landscape Architecture

Dunlop, Beth. [Gardens for Modern Houses: Design Inspiration for Home Landscapes](#). New York: Rizzoli, 2025. ISBN: 9780847846924. 320 pages. Hardcover: \$52.98.

Manca, Joseph. [Virtue in the Garden: Writing about Designed Landscape in Britain](#). London: Harvey Miller Publishers, 2025. ISBN: 9781912554768. 247 pages. Hardcover: \$188.00.

Tchikine, Anatole. [The Three Natures: Gardens and Landscapes of the Italian Renaissance \(Harvey Miller Early Modern Gardens and Landscapes, 1\)](#). London: Harvey Miller Publishers, 2025. ISBN: 9781915487230. 220 pages. Hardcover: \$157.00.

University of Maryland Extension, Master Gardening Program. [The Maryland Master Gardener Handbook](#). Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2025. 920 pages. ISBN: 9781421451855. Hardcover: \$89.95.

Masterworks

Angelicooussis, Elizabeth. [Holkham: An English Treasure House and Its Landscape](#). Munich: Hirmer Publishers, 2025. ISBN: 9783777444444. 368 pages. Hardcover: \$54.00.

Gunther, Justin, Scott W., Perkins. [Fallingwater: Living With and In Art](#). New York: Rizzoli Electra, 2025. ISBN: 9780847842865. 280 pages. Hardcover: \$65.00.

Sharoff, Robert. [The Wrigley Building: The Making of an Icon](#). New York: Rizzoli Electra, 2025. ISBN: 9780847843367. 394 pages. Hardback: \$77.65.

Real Estate Development

Griffiths, Chad. [Industrialize: The Insider's Guide to Industrial Real Estate](#). n.p: Industrialize Media Ltd, 2025. ISBN: 9781068947414. 250 pages. Hardcover: \$29.99.

Royalty and Architecture

Aslet, Clive. [King Charles III: 40 Years of Architecture](#). London: Triglyph Books, 2025. ISBN: 9781739731458. 240 pages. Hardcover: \$25.00.

Sustainability

Almusaed, Amjad. [Mars Architecture: Construction 6.0 for Designing Sustainable and Health-Oriented Habitats](#). Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781032963709. 274 pages. Hardcover: \$180.00.

Iverson, Brian. [Carbonless: An Introduction to Sustainable Building](#). Independently published, 2025. ISBN: 9798315062820. 258 pages. Paperback: \$60.00.

Urban Design

Trias, Ged. [Cityscapes 3: Urban: Futuristic Architectural Investigations with Midjourney](#). Independently published, 2025. ISBN: 97983165653005. 124 pages. Paperback: \$9.99.