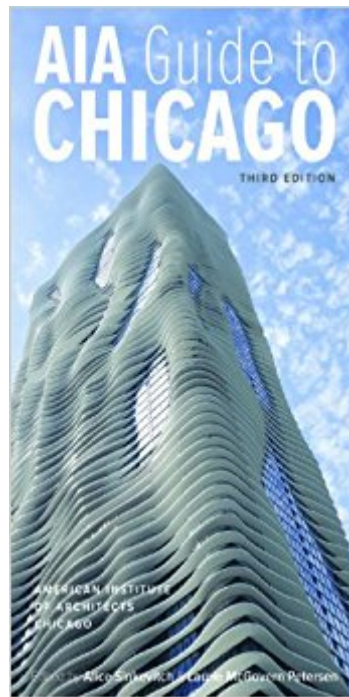


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An unparalleled architectural powerhouse, Chicago offers visitors and natives alike a panorama of styles and forms. The third edition of the AIA Guide to Chicago brings readers up to date on ten years of dynamic changes with new entries on smaller projects as well as showcases like the Aqua building, Trump Tower, and Millennium Park. Four hundred photos and thirty-four specially commissioned maps make it easy to find each of the one thousand-plus featured buildings, while a comprehensive index organizes buildings by name and architect. This edition also features an introduction providing an indispensable overview of Chicago's architectural history.

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I purchased this book hoping to get an insiders perspective into the fascinating architecture and history of Chicago's greatest buildings. Unfortunately, instead of focusing on the cities most well known and history rich buildings, the book goes overboard in its attempt to document what feels like every non-residential building in the city. This often leads to quick two sentence blurbs about relatively unknown buildings that provide neither intrigue nor substance.

The guide is great, but could be greater. First, it is physically tall, but narrow to make it easier to access while touring buildings and neighborhoods. However, it would be more comfortable to sit and read if it were an inch or so wider. Second, while it has lots of photos, more would be better. This also could be turned into a great ebook that could be continuously updated and expanded.

Chicago has the nation's, probably the world's, greatest modern architecture. This guide provides an authoritative, succinct overview of all of the noteworthy architecture from the Loop to the outlying neighborhoods. Worth owning and reading and using as you explore.

It's a worthwhile compendium of buildings in Chicago proper. I had hoped with this new edition that more of the suburbs would be covered, especially due to the significant construction that took place there over the previous twenty years. But, alas, the book concentrates on the city only. Perhaps a companion volume could be developed to cover the burbs! Good for what it is. Given the format and size, the binding tends to be very awkward making the reading a struggle at best. I wish they'd bind this book using a pigtail binding so that it would lay flat and be easier to use when traveling around the city.

This is the Bible for anyone seriously interested in Chicago architecture. Highly recommended.

I refer to it as "The Bible", but there are errors--some of which have continued through all of the editions of the book

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