Essential Architecture Book List

Volume 01

Architecture Resources

Tools  Templates  Books

30X40 Design Workshop © 2019
The foundations of an architectural library should include a little of everything: history, theory, drawing, inspiration and technics. If I had to choose one book to start it all, it would be Frank Ching’s *Architecture: Form, Space, and Order*. His lyrical drawing style will leave you wanting more.

* *Architecture: Form, Space, & Order*

Design Drawing

101 Things I Learned in Architecture School

Global History of Architecture

Modern Architecture Since 1900

The Story of Buildings

Manual of Section

* ESSENTIAL
Visual communication is the vocation of the architect. These books cover the full range of capabilities an architect will need to master from freehand sketching to the creation of technical drawings the contractor will use to construct the design. David Macaulay (Unbuilding, Cathedral + others) is a personal hero of mine and his drawings are one part narrative one part technical manual, evocative and expertly crafted. Look to graphic design disciplines as well (two such titles are listed below).

- **Architectural Graphics**

  - **How to Use Graphic Design to Sell Things, Explain Things...**
  
  - **Grid Systems in Graphic Design**
  
  - **Freehand Sketching**
  
  - **Detail in Contemporary Architecture Series (Residential, Concrete, Timber, Glass)**
  
  - **Sketching for Architecture + Interior Design**
  
  - **Unbuilding**
Inspiration

To design great architecture requires looking past the purely functional and technical concerns, searching for deeper meaning drawn from art and site, culture and place. Some of these books are a narrative of possibility, some challenge what you may have previously thought architecture could be about. This section of your library will be the most personal, so absolutely explore beyond the titles I’ve listed.

* **Thomas Heatherwick: Making**
  
  *Yes Is More*

* **Operative Design: A Catalogue of Spatial Verbs**

* **Peter Zumthor: Thinking Architecture**

* **Tom Kundig: Houses, Houses 2, + Works**

* **Work of McKay-Lyons, Sweetapple**

* **Vincent Van Duysen Works 2009 - 2018**

* **Listening: Bohlin, Cywinski, Jackson Houses 2009-2015**

* **The Eyes of the Skin**

* **In Praise of Shadows**

* **Bernd + Hilla Becher: Stonework + Lime Kilns**

* **Programs + Manifestoes of 20th Century Architecture**
To construct architecture we must be aware of all the forces that act upon it: weather, wind, water, gravity, earthquakes, dead loads, live loads; and that’s before we overlay esthetic concerns, budget, our client’s taste, the end user, the site, building codes, or the neighboring context. The details are where all these forces are made manifest.

* Building Construction Illustrated
* Building Codes Illustrated
* Architectural Detailing
* The Architecture Reference & Specification Book
* Neufert’s Architect’s Data
* Precedents in Architecture
Business

This is everything you’re not taught in architecture school but just as essential to building a career path of your choosing. Many architects have the dream of running their own studios, these books provide a framework for approaching business with an entrepreneurial mindset, some even offer a step-by-step path for you to follow.

*The Four Hour Work Week*

*Architect + Entrepreneur Volume 1*

*Architect + Entrepreneur Volume 2*

*101 Things I Learned in Business School*

*Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion*

*Start with Why*

*Building a Story Brand*

(This is Marketing)*ESSENTIAL*
Want More?
Didn’t get enough? There’s more…

My Digital Course
- Lessons + video tutorials
- Workbooks, templates, toolkits, curated resources
- Design a business that works for you.

Architectural Resources
- Tutorials
- Tools + techniques
- Video + blog post links

Digital Drawing Templates
- My custom drawing templates
- Ready-to-use styling
- Revit 2019 + AutoCAD versions available

Startup Toolkit
- All the tools I use to run 30X40 Design Workshop
- Templates, folders, documents
- Start with the right foundation

Daily Carry
- Sketchbook
- Drawing tools
- Studio gear I like + use

Architectural Model Making
- Video tutorials + tips
- Tools + supplies

*Please note: Some of the links in this document are affiliate links. It costs you nothing extra, but purchasing through them sends a small commission my way which helps to support my work on YouTube and allows me to help more people just like you.

30X40 Design Workshop © 2019