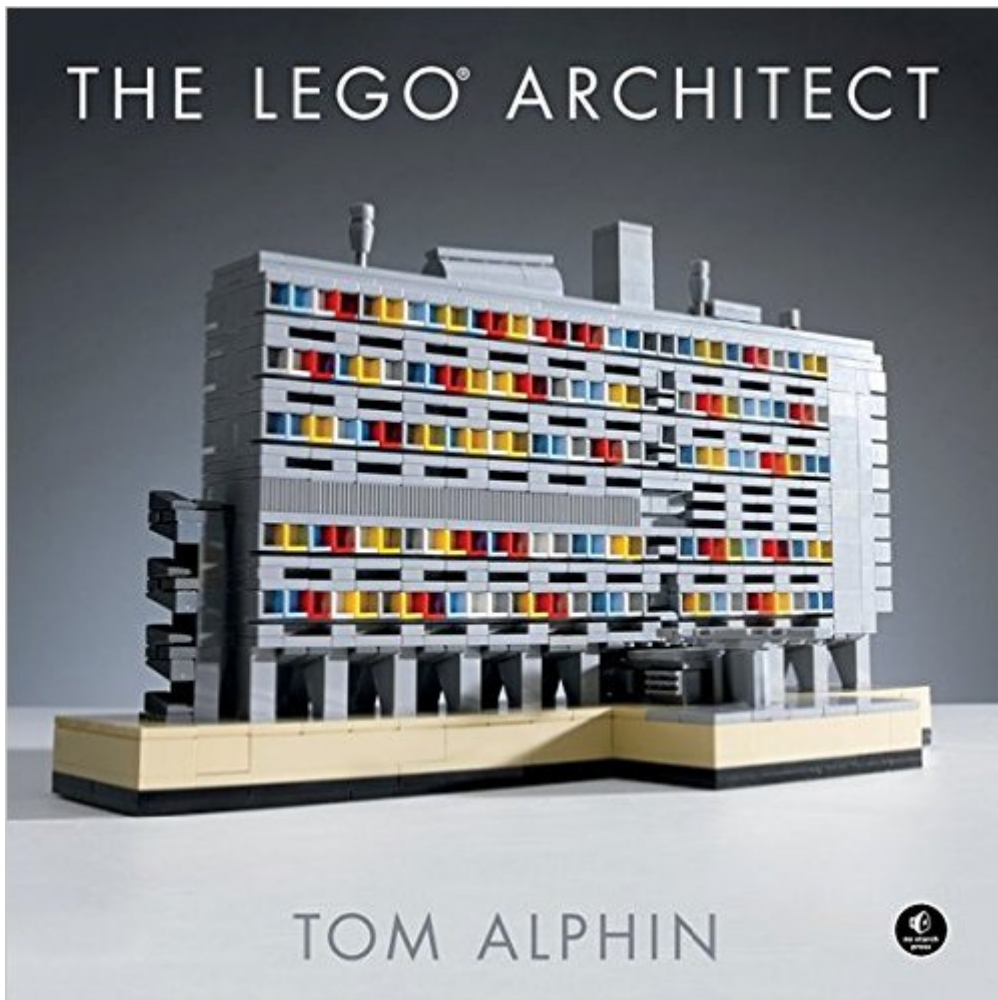


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# The LEGO Architect



## Synopsis

Travel through the history of architecture in *The LEGO Architect*. You'll learn about styles like Art Deco, Modernism, and High-Tech, and find inspiration in galleries of LEGO models. Then take your turn building 12 models in a variety of styles. Snap together some bricks and learn architecture the fun way!

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## Customer Reviews

The *LEGO Architect* is a richly illustrated volume of architectural wonders featuring real buildings and their LEGO recreations. The book offers a nice blend of history, education, building instructions and jaw-dropping LEGO creations. The text is informative but brief and the photography and instructional renderings are excellent. I am a huge fan of the "You view it and you do it" genre of LEGO books and Tom Alphin's *The LEGO Architect* book is a winner. Alphin introduces you to a particular style and description of architecture, then offers instructions so you can build an example yourself. Unlike other building books that require a room-full of specialized bricks in a myriad of colors, Alphin sticks to small-scale models using only white bricks. These monochrome creations still look great while forcing you to focus on their defining attributes. *The LEGO Architect* begins with an overview of neoclassical architecture and invites you to build a tiny domed building. Next you move on to prairie and art deco styles, modern and brutalist works, then wrap up with post-modern and high tech architecture. There's a small model you can build that illustrates each style, yet it

is pretty interesting to just look at the building instructions. Alphin wraps up the book by profiling a few LEGO building experts while remaining true to the architectural theme. You will learn about scale, form, detail, color and the various types of bricks you can use to create your own architectural masterpieces.

First, a disclaimer: I am lucky enough to be in the index of this book. Tom did a builder profile of me for the book, and featured a couple pictures of my LEGO models. That said, I LOVE this book! Tom did a great job of assembling together a wealth of information about 7 architectural styles of the modern era. It's not so much as to be an overwhelming read - the whole book reads in about an hour or so. The picture quality is great, both for the LEGO models and the real architectural subjects. At the end of every chapter is a set of instructions for building your own small-scale building of that architectural style. The instructions are done quite professionally, to the point that they are indistinguishable from official LEGO instructions. Each of these sample builds is done all in white to keep the focus on architectural shapes instead of coloration.

LEGO bricks are the perfect resource for a budding engineer. They are the type of "toy" that can stay with a person all the way into adulthood. Many professional architects and civil engineers readily admit to still playing with LEGO as an adult. The LEGO Architect is a fascinating book created by experts at No Starch Press and is definite eye-candy for any LEGO fan. This book is very inspiring to anyone who is interested in going beyond the typical LEGO sets that can be purchased. Showing off 7 architectural styles and 12 models, the book also contains easy to follow instructions for building each of the 12 models.

I'm a life long LEGO fan and bought the book because it was a cool concept. I was expecting some photos of famous buildings constructed with a blurb here and there. What I got is an exquisite Coffee Table book with a delightfully deeper survey of architectural styles than anticipated and step by step guides on how to build realistic multi-scale scale versions of each. There is real re-reading value here, which is a nice surprise. To those reviewers complaining about the models requiring the architecture LEGO set and the book being useless without it, I would like to re-read the prologue where the author explicitly states the all white models were used for clarity, but any colors will work and he encourages creativity continually throughout the book. Besides, not having the exact right piece is a cornerstone of the LEGO experience! If you don't have a slope piece, use your imagination and engineer something similar with what you do have... that's the Magic of LEGO and

this book encapsulates it well.

The pictures are gorgeous, and I am finding myself looking at buildings differently now. Although I am familiar with a few Design fields, Architecture is very much a mystery. The book is a great primer on various types, with short stories and key designs pictured. It is of course a Lego book as well. I grew up playing Lego, and made up my own way to represent what I saw (mainly spaceships! Robotech! Star Trek!) with the little bricks. I enjoy studying other people's ways in the book. It is fun to read about different builders. The author has a useful website with tips about organizing your Lego, complete with labels you can print out. When I'm done building, the book goes back my coffee table for everyone to pick up and enjoy. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Review by: CrossroadReview of Night Owl Reviews  
This book was amazing! There are some great photos of architecture from all over the world and these really cool step-by-step instructions on how to build some of them. From a prairie house to a sky traffic control tower this book brings Legos and architecture to life! So now it's going to get weird! Both of my girls, who are 11 and 4, are addicted to Minecraft! So of course we had to Minecraft all the buildings. And other than a few tweeks, IT WORKED!! We all had a great time with this book, both with Legos and Minecraft! This is the book for those who want to get into building more adult builds vs the toys that most books give. Disclosure: courtesy copy from the publisher/author for an honest review.

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