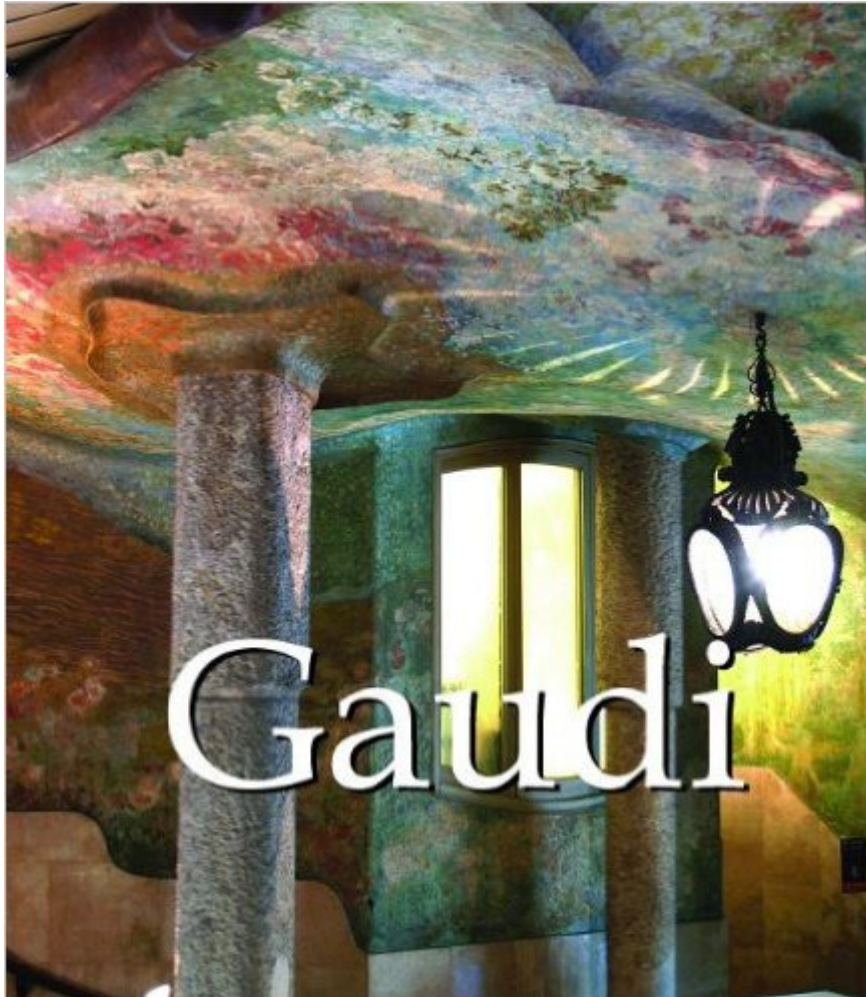


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# Gaudi (Mega Square)



## Synopsis

Spanish architect and designer, Antoni Gaudi (1852-1926) was an important and influential figure in the history of contemporary Spanish art. His use of colour, application of a range of materials and the introduction of organic forms into his constructions were an innovation in the realm of architecture. In his journal, Gaudi freely expressed his own feelings on art, "the colours used in architecture have to be intense, logical and fertile." His completed works (the Casa Batllo, 1905-1907 and the Casa Mila, 1905-1910) and his incomplete works (the restoration of the Poblet Monastery and the Retable d'Alcella in Barcelona) illustrate the importance of this philosophy. His furniture designs were conceived with the same philosophy, as shown, for example, in his own office (1878) or the lamps in the Placa Reial in Barcelona. The Sagrada Familia (1882-1926) was a monumental project which eventually took over his life (it was still incomplete at the time of his death).

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If you are like me and hitherto knew nothing about the man who designed the Sagrada Familia other than that single fact, then this book is for you. It covers his life, education, religious and political affiliations, his impact on Spanish life and how he saw architecture as an expression of beauty, his Catalan nationalism and his wish to render homage to God. Every right-hand side page has a full colour photo of his startlingly original style, either as an interior or exterior shot, with the facing left page comprised of text and further, smaller photos blended into the dialogue. It truly is a treasure

and a delight to own.

This was a huge disappointment. As an ebook it was difficult to read with, at best, 2 or three words in each line. The illustrations had no reference to the writing and the writing style was erratic and pompous.

I love the work of Gaudi and this captures so much of it. If you have been to Barcelona you will love the beautiful photography that captures his work. Enjoy

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