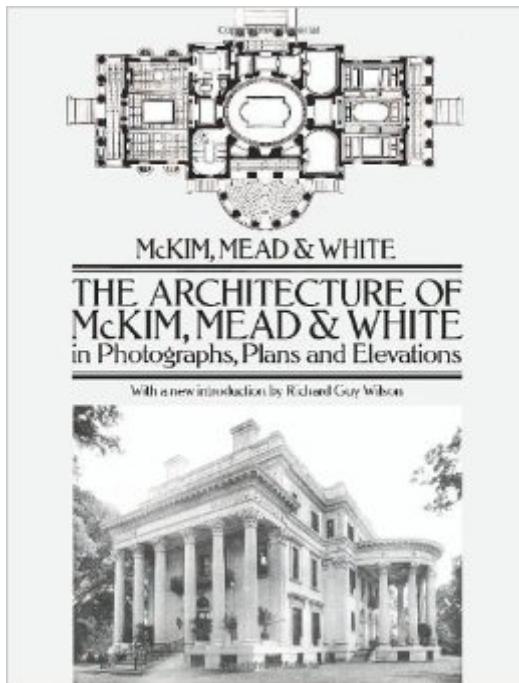


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Man-o-man, I used to love looking at old buildings and would be in awe of the amount of work that went into them. All of the art work, craftsmanship, and downright labor. Well, this book really brings to the forefront through numerous period photos and floor plans. The book actually contains very little wording, but then the photos and floor plans are enough to tell you many things about the structures. Most of the buildings are in New York City and I recently had the opportunity to visit. As I walked along the many streets, I came across buildings that had been built by the architects and it was just awesome to look, of course, only from the outside at the wonderful structure and compare it to the photos and floor plans that are now etched in my mind. I look at the book and discover new things about the works of art that I hadn't known before. Sorry if it sounds a little romantic but when I pass one of the new office buildings or structures, well, I'm just not moved by them. Dave Sanchez

Except for a very short introduction, this wonderful book is strictly made up of photographs, plans and elevations illustrating the mythical architectural firm's production between 1879 and 1915. Largely but not exclusively located in the New York City area, the buildings described include residences, universities, churches, banks, etc. All are lavishly decorated and intricate in accordance with the era's taste. This book, actually a reproduction of an influential work published in 1920, is a definite must for anyone interested in New York City's development or in North American architecture in general.

Excellent, excellent book. Every young classical architect, and even those studying modern design, should have a copy of this book at the ready. As a classical architect it is inspiring to find a book where the examples are proportionally and decoratively correct.

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