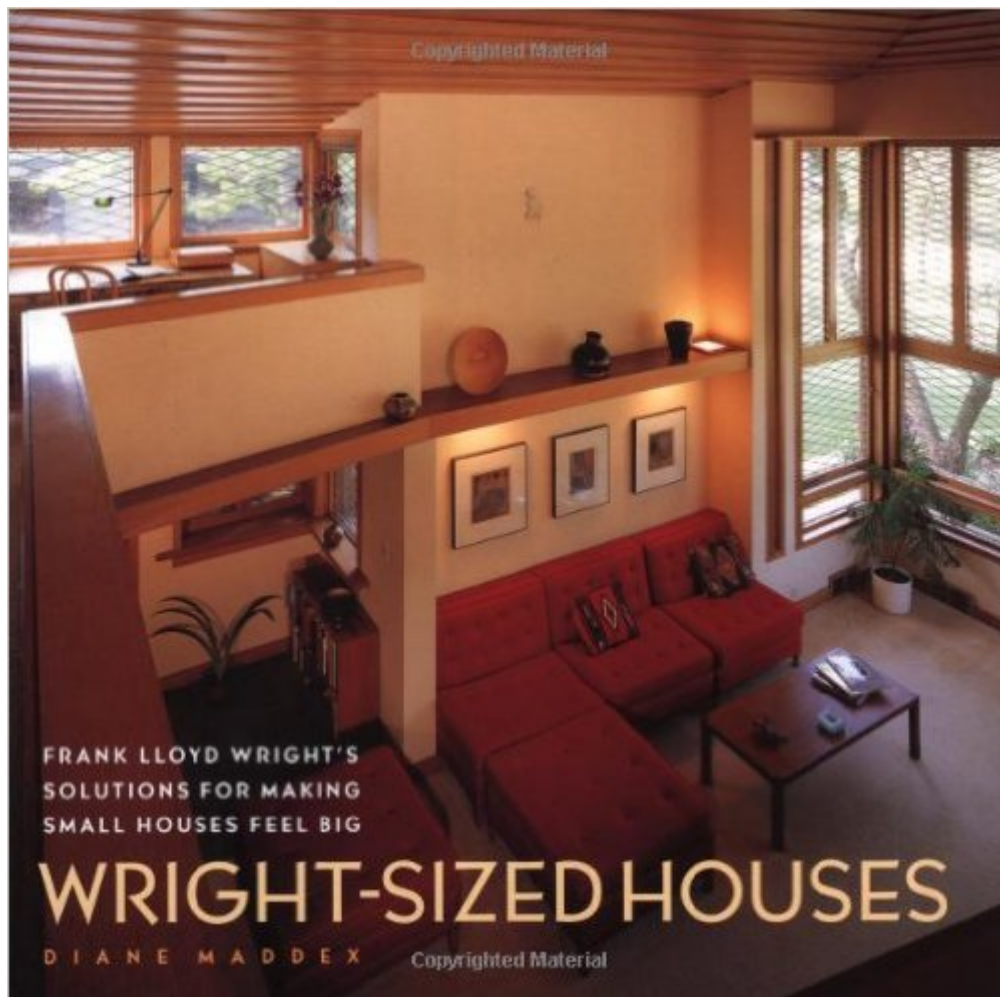


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This is a beautiful picture book that keeps its title's promise. Maddex actually identifies the specific FLW solutions for making small houses feel big. Her description of these solutions are well-written and aimed at appealing to the intelligent layman. Mercifully, she avoids the academic, pedantic and patronizing tone. A real pleasure. Couldn't recommend more highly.

The pictures and text boxes do a terrific job of explaining the reasons that Wright's architecture works. The themes of unity, making walls disappear with windows, use of natural materials and building for the site can be applied to many architectural styles, not just the prairie style he is known for

I really liked this book. Quite well structured, it presents first key characteristics of Wright's architecture appearing in Prairie but also Usonian houses. The second part gives full details of some houses (mainly Usonian since the theme is about "making small houses feel big") Special interest for Isabel Roberts house, River Forest (on front and back cover pages) which is to my mind Wright's Masterwork joining Prairie and Usonian concepts. Photos are nice and drawings are also indicated

(with scale and orientation). The only point I disliked is the fact comments relative to photos are not always fully precise : they could have highlighted a bit more key characteristics quoted in book's first part. The author has also preferred giving some details about Owners rather than focusing only on architecture.

I am building a custom home and I keep going back to this book for inspiration and important details. I have a library of at least 20 other FLW (Frank Lloyd Wright) books, but this is the most up-to-date and most on target reference for new home design. The photographs are large and focused on details, not just exterior elevations. Doors, windows, roofs, entrances and many other important features are explained and given an indepth perspective. This is a must have for any FLW library and I guarantee you will be handing this to to your architect if you want FLW details in your custom home. A great read.

I'm a Wright fan and an architect, so it was good to find a book the describes and illustrates FLLW's architecture "gems" to be considered in home design. Well done and useful, whether you are considering a "FLLW-inspired" or another architectural style. I think this book is a good compliment to Sarah Susanka's books (i.e., "the not so big house", etc.). In my opinion, Wright's approach is universal to many architectural style.

I think the premise of the book is right on target. FLW best work was in his small houses. They are much harder to design, build and were done so on a tight budget. The pictures of the houses in the book are fantastic. They are current day pictures versus pictures taken 10 or 20 years ago. The text is not well written. Could have done a better job.

As one who is a big fan of Frank Lloyd Wright and lives on a small Bungalow home, I found this volume full of helpful, creative, and inspiring ideas. The book has many photographs which reference the Usonian homes of FLW and is filled with new interpretations for the homeowner of today. If you have challenges with space and want to get some solutions to your issues, yet keep true to your love of simple, functional design, this is a wonderful resource for you!

This book is a very good analysis of the elements of Wrightian architecture. Takes the parts 1 by 1, (windows, continuity of spaces, carports, etc.) and explain the central idea of FLW. Good for those who want to digest the roots of FLW

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