

# Text Set to Accompany **Prairie Boy:** **Frank Lloyd Wright Turns the Heartland Into a Home**

## Primary Sources & Research Materials

These texts tell readers more about Frank Lloyd Wright.

[Photo: Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana Thomas House interior, Springfield, Illinois](#)

This photo of the interior of a Frank Lloyd Wright house clearly captures the geometric nature of his creations. Readers of *Prairie Boy* will recognize some of the shapes from the book at work in this powerful image. How many shapes can you spot in this picture?



[Article: Illuminating Details from Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Blueprints](#)

This article explores Frank Lloyd Wright's original blueprints and models for the Guggenheim museum. These artifacts give readers insight into Frank Lloyd Wright's creative process and show how he revised his designs over time.



[3D Laboratory: Taliesin West](#)

This online tour of a Frank Lloyd Wright property allows viewers to explore a home and spot the furniture, windows, and other features designed by Wright. The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation works to maintain this online exhibit and will be making other properties available for online tours.



## Content Connections

These texts explore topics such as architecture and design.

[Radio Broadcast: A Frank Lloyd Wright Masterwork, In Legos](#)

This NPR radio broadcast includes an interview with a lego designer who has created a set in tribute to Frank Lloyd Wright. The designer considered how to recreate Wright's most famous buildings using regular lego pieces. His work may help young people learn about Frank Lloyd Wright.



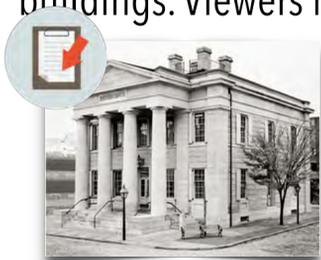
[Video: Inside Frank Lloyd Wright's Iconic Fallingwater House](#)

This video gives viewers a peek inside Fallingwater, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous buildings. Viewers may want to keep an eye out for Wright's use of shapes throughout the house.



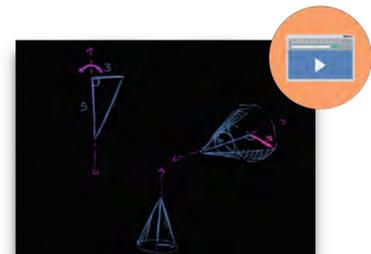
[A Timeline of Architecture and Government](#)

Some of America's most famous buildings are the ones built for the government. This timeline from the General Services Administration shares information on buildings such as the White House.



[Video: Rotating 2D shapes in 3D](#)

This video connects to Frank Lloyd Wright's childhood shape exploration. Khan Academy explains how spinning a 2D shape can create a 3D one. For example, spinning a right triangle creates a cone.



[Map: Frank Lloyd Wright's Buildings](#)

This map database shows Wright's buildings across 4 time periods: pre-1910, 1911-1942, after 1945, and Lost or Unbuilt. Each dot on the map provides photos and a historical description of a Frank Lloyd Wright creation. What can readers notice about the widespread reach of Wright's creations?

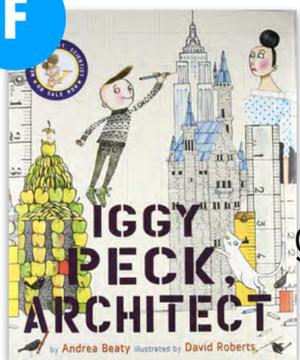


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**Texts to Pair with *Prairie Boy***

These fiction and nonfiction texts can be read alongside *Prairie Boy* for deeper exploration of architecture, design, and the Midwest.

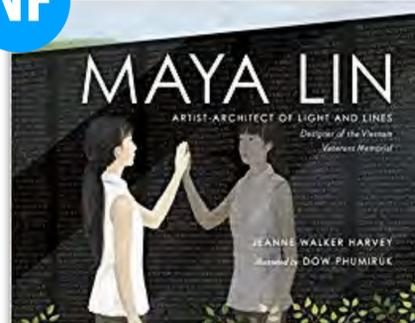
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*Iggy Peck, Architect*  
 By Andrea Beaty

Young Iggy Peck's love of building goes beyond blocks. What happens when his creations get a little too big? Can his talent save the day?

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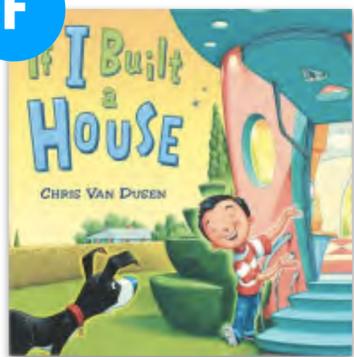


*Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*

By Jeanne Walker Harvey

This picture book biography shares the story behind the creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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*If I Built a House*  
 By Chris Van Dusen

If you could build a home, what wonderful things would you imagine? Illustrator Chris Van Dusen explores the possibilities.

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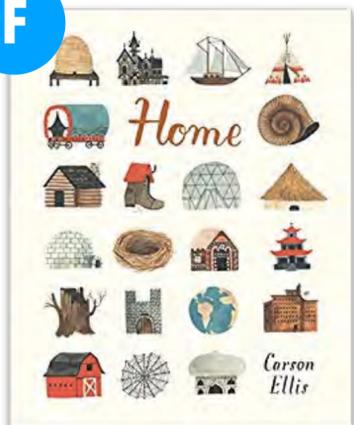


*The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid*

By Jeanette Winter

This picture book biography explores the life of Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid, who loved patterns and her homeland as Frank Lloyd Wright did.

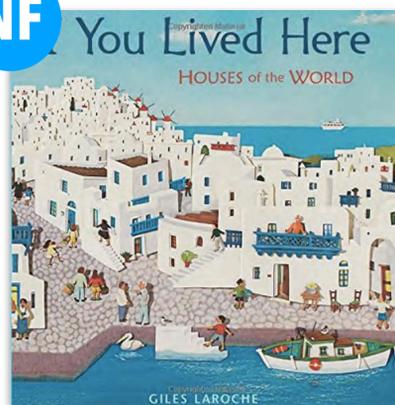
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*Home*  
 By Carson Ellis

Carson Ellis explores the many types of homes, from a fabled shoe to palaces. Who might call each of these places home?

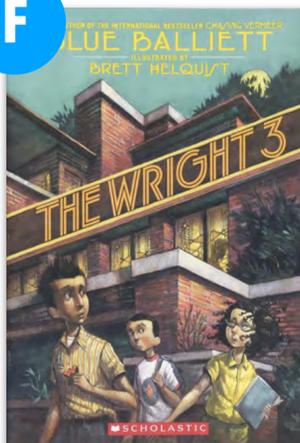
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*You Lived Here: Houses of the World*  
 By Giles Laroche

What would life be like if you lived in different homes around the world? This book is a tour of time periods and types of homes from around the globe.

**F**



*The Wright 3*  
 By Blue Balliett

This mystery novel follows three Chicagoan youngsters as they strive to save the Robie House in their neighborhood of Hyde Park.

**F**



*Heartland*

By Diane Siebert

This picture book personifies the Midwest and explores its charm. The book captures the people and nature that make the Midwest a beautiful place to live.

**F** = Fiction    **NF** = Nonfiction