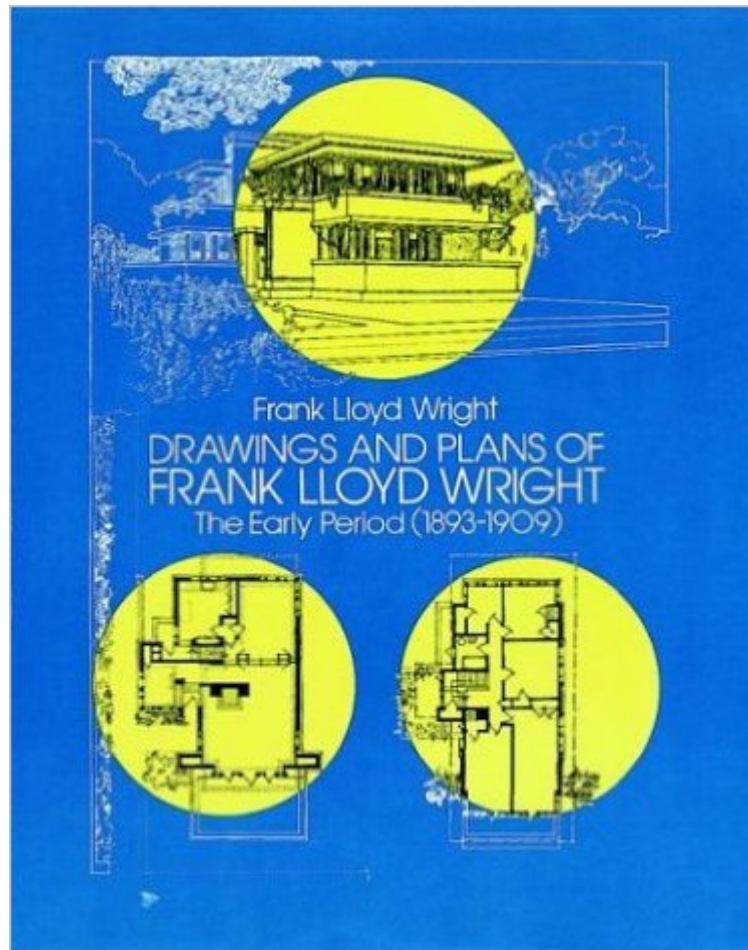


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# Drawings And Plans Of Frank Lloyd Wright: The Early Period (1893-1909) (Dover Architecture)



## Synopsis

One of the famed architect's earliest published works, the Wasmuth drawings capture Wright's first great experiments in organic design and thought. These 100 plates were reproduced from a rare 1910 first edition. The full-page illustrations depict plans for homes, banks, cottages, offices, temples, and Wright's own studio. Introduction and annotations by Wright.

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A republication of the of the work first published by Wasmuth, Berlin, 1910. Plate headings are translated into English and there is a glossary of the German terms found in the ground plans. There is an essay by Wright, "Studies and Executed Buildings", written in Florence, Italy, 1910. These are the early houses and commercial buildings by Wright which even today remain modern and relevant; with the incorporation of up-to-date bathrooms, they would eclipse most of what is being designed today by leading architects. No color, and all line drawings, but you can spend hours studying the plans and admiring the elevation drawings.

Sure, it'd be nice if more of the drawings were printed a bit darker. And I'm always a fan of having his books be as big as possible. Good news is, they didn't clutter up the pages with a bunch of words. They let the drawings speak for themselves. There's whole bits of worlds here that will never exist. His drawings are a hint of what else he could have accomplished. If only more folks could turn these into real buildings. Heck, I've always wanted to just make some models from some of the best

of his drawings. Now that's something I would buy. Anyone game for creating some? I rarely say, "America's best" anything but there's no question, even 50 years after his death he's still America's best architect. Like Jimi is still America's best guitarist 36 years on. I love fine books with big pictures of his various homes and other buildings. To me, this is something else altogether, a journey into a world that exists something like worlds that come into existence in paintings or novels. Heck, he even does nice drawings of people in some of these. His brilliant knack for designing buildings into the context of its setting is one of his great strengths and it's even more clear in a number of these drawings. Who cares if this book was published in 1962. That is not a factor. I am unaware of a better book of his drawings, at least one that I can buy on .com for under \$10. Sure, there's some over \$100. but I'm a workin' man, I can't afford that. I bring this into the home and my wife even admires it even though she's not the FLW fan that I am. Quality will tell folks. Get this if you have any inclinations for his drawings. A very satisfying walk through the spirits of what could have been. [chrisbct@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisbct@hotmail.com)

We were fortunate to find one of the original prints while visiting a Chicago gallery. Unfortunately owning more than one print was well beyond our price range. This book captures the entire collection beautifully. These prints do Frank Lloyd Wright and his work justice, and the details are so interesting.

Bought this to see the blueprints of one of the best architects in the last while. This book is more visual curiosity side of things. No real measurements or explanations just cool pictures of blueprints and the fronts of the buildings. Its a shame we dont build things they way they used to with this much care. A house built now probably wont last 50 years and all these buildings FLW built are still standing.

this is a good book to use with architecture and engineering students. i bought it more for personal reference. i like that all of the rooms in the buildings are labeled in german. having the larger sized book allows for adequete sizing of the drawings with incredible detail.

This "Republication" of the 1910 German work of Frank's early work (1893 - 1909) is a must have for any FLW fan. You'll want to frame some of the beautiful black and white Drawings and architectural Floor Plans ... so you'll need to buy two (11"x13.75") softcover books and pick you favorite designs to frame !

Can't afford a genuine Wasmuth Portfolio? This is for you. It would have been better if it had been bound in landscape format like the pages inside, but this is very much worth the money if you have any interest in the early works of FLLW and a good look at the floor plans of the buildings of that period.

I have a lot of FLW books and this is THE best I have seen. Large format absolutely beautiful drawings. It is ridiculous that the price is so low. Buy 2 and use one to cut out some of the drawings and frame. They are that good. Perfect gift as well.

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