

## Louis I Kahn I Musei Ediz Illustrata

Through sheer determination and courage, Kahn has researched the nature of concrete in the form of precast, cast in place or blocks. Each of his renowned works in exposed concrete, such as the Yale Art Gallery, the Richards Laboratories, the Bath House, the Salk Institute, the National Assembly, the Kimbell Museum, the Exeter Library and the Yale Center for British Art, is itself an important chapter in the history of architecture for the exploration into concrete's formal expression, beyond the lesson of Le Corbusier. Kahn's obsession on concrete fabrication processes, on the formwork and the mix design, is systematically examined in two volumes. The authors illustrate Kahn's vision with documents that have never been revealed in other essays, drawing heavily from original sketches, plans, specifications, worksite photographs, and correspondences with collaborators, engineers, technicians and contractors. The first volume *Exposed Concrete and Hollow Stones* focuses on the first ten-year period of Kahn's research on concrete. Moving through the many construction systems experienced by Kahn, from the discovery of exposed concrete in the form of *béton brut* at the Yale Art Gallery, to the precast and poured-in-place techniques, to the values of joint, growth and ornament, the essay culminates in

the reconstruction of the artistic and technical characteristics of two great worksite, the Richards Laboratories and the First Unitarian Church and School. The second volume, Towards the Zero Degree of Concrete, covers the following fourteen years and leads the reader along Kahn's path to the true "nature of concrete," focusing on his main techniques and poetic discoveries such as the "liquid stone" of the Salk Institute, the "smooth finish" at Bryn Mawr and the concept of "monolithic" at the Yale Center for British Art. The American architect Louis Kahn (1901 - 1974) is regarded as one of the great master builders of the twentieth century. With complex spatial compositions, an elemental formal vocabulary and a choreographic mastery of light, Kahn created buildings of archaic beauty. As the first comprehensive publication on this architect in 20 years, the book Louis Kahn - The Power of Architecture presents all of his important projects. It includes essays by prominent Kahn experts and an expansive illustrated biography with many new facts and insights about Kahn's life and work. In a number of interviews, leading architects such as Frank Gehry, Renzo Piano, Peter Zumthor and Sou Fujimoto underline Kahn's significance in today's architectural discourse. An extensive catalogue of works features original drawings and architectural models from the Kahn archive. The compendium is further augmented by a portfolio of Kahn's travel drawings as well

as photographs by Thomas Florschuetz, which offer completely new views of the Salk Institute and the Indian Institute of Management.

Louis I. Kahn was one of the most influential architects, thinkers and teachers of his time. This book examines the important relationship between his work and the city of Rome, whose ancient ruins inspired in him a new design methodology.

Structured into two main parts, the first includes personal essays and contributions from the architect's children, writers and other designers on the experience and impact of his work. The second part takes a detailed look at Kahn's residency in Rome, its effects on his thinking, and how his influence spread throughout Italy. It analyses themes directly linked to his architecture, through interviews with teachers and designers such as Franco Purini, Paolo Portoghesi, Giorgio Ciucci, Lucio Valerio Barbera and the architects of the Rome Group of Architects and City Planners (GRAU). Rome and the Legacy of Louis I. Kahn expands the current discourse on this celebrated twentieth-century architect, ideal for students and researchers interested in Kahn's work, architectural history, theory and criticism.

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The volume reports on interdisciplinary discussions and interactions between theoretical research and practical studies on geometric structures and their applications in architecture, the arts, design, education, engineering, and mathematics. These related fields of research can enrich each other and renew their mutual interest in these topics through networks of shared inspiration, and can ultimately enhance the quality of geometry and graphics education. Particular attention is dedicated to the contributions that women have made to the scientific community and especially mathematics. The book introduces engineers, architects and designers interested in computer applications, graphics and

geometry to the latest advances in the field, with a particular focus on science, the arts and mathematics education.

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Meet the man who treated each building like a temple. From Dhaka, Bangladesh, to La Jolla, California, this book traces the extraordinary architectural language of Louis Isadore Kahn, the pioneering modernist who inflected the International Style with a "back to basics" classical grammar and pierced its sleek masses with geometrical shapes and...

Few people in the history of art and architecture have planted a seed of inspiration that grew to become a towering oak of lasting influence. There are those, particularly colleagues and students of Louis I. Kahn, who would say that he was one of these people. Certainly Kahn was one of the foremost architects of the twentieth century, designing such famous landmarks as the National Assembly Building in Dhaka, Bangladesh; the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California; and the Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. In this commemorative volume, Charles E. Dagit, Jr. shows the power and influence that Kahn displayed at the University of Pennsylvania department of architecture in the 1960s. Since Dagit knew Kahn personally, this is a factual history as well as a glimpse into Kahn's personal wisdom and humanity. Beginning with a prelude that starts with the author's undergraduate years at the University of Pennsylvania, Dagit launches readers on an intellectual journey of how he first met Kahn. From there

he details his experiences with Kahn and explores Kahn's interactions with Penn faculty members, including Mario Romanach, Robert Le Ricolet and Aldo Giurgola. This first-hand account sheds fascinating new light on one of the most prominent architects of the twentieth century.

There is ample evidence as to how the modern masters, in their shared pursuit of formal inventions and constructional inventions, variously referred to past examples they had freely chosen as guides that could inspire and support them in their strenuous pursuit of new things. The buildings shaped like soft clouds and gelatinous bowels, or the spiked bravura pieces designed by today's fashionable architects have no relation with either construction or history. Louis Kahn, instead, kept form, structure and history paradigmatically together. The book systematically reviews the intense structural experimentation that, in terms not just of building engineering but of spatial and representational potential, marked Kahn's work since the beginning and would eventually lead him, after a long apprenticeship, to an almost constant adoption of 'hollow' structural forms. By reviewing this long and intense journey of research, the book underlines how Louis Kahn, in each work and based on a constant dialogue between structural innovation, building tradition and figural evocation, succeeded in awakening our interest in a new 'fascinating' structure and at the same time our emotion for a deeply meaningful, universal and timeless form.

For everyone interested in the enduring appeal of Louis Kahn, this book demonstrates

that a close look at how Kahn put his buildings together will reveal a deeply felt philosophy. Louis I. Kahn is one of the most influential and poetic architects of the twentieth century, a figure whose appeal extends beyond the realm of specialists. In this book, noted Kahn expert John Lobell explores how Kahn's focus on structure, respect for materials, clarity of program, and reverence for details come together to manifest an overall philosophy. Kahn's work clearly conveys a kind of "transcendent rootedness"--a rootedness in the fundamentals of architecture that also asks soaring questions about our experience of light and space, and even how we fit into the world. In *Louis Kahn: Architecture as Philosophy*, John Lobell seeks to reveal how Kahn's buildings speak to grand humanistic concerns. Through examinations of five of Kahn's great buildings--the Richards Medical Research Building in Philadelphia; the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla; the Phillips Exeter Academy Library in New Hampshire; the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth; and the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven--Lobell presents a clear but detailed look at how the way these buildings are put together presents Kahn's philosophy, including how Kahn wishes us to experience them. An architecture book that touches on topics that addresses the universal human interests of consciousness and creativity, *Louis Kahn: Architecture as Philosophy* helps us understand our place and the nature of well-being in the built environment.

"A definitive biography of the iconic American architect, Louis Kahn"--

This exhibition design comprises a contemplative space, enhancing the quiet monumentality of Kahn's drawings, as well as reflecting his own preoccupations with symmetry, walls, and their openings. The four trips within the show were arranged chronological in intimate roomlike spaces, color-coded to evoke an atmosphere appropriate to their location: storm blue for New England, saturated yellow for Greece, etc. The color band, which narrows one's focus within the tall gallery and on which all works were hung, was continuous throughout a single trip, and broke between trips, instilling a sense of travel through time and space. Windows framed important works, allowing them to be seen twice, in two contexts, as well as allowing views of a "peopled" space.

A thoughtful selection of the celebrated architect's speeches and writings. Readings from the Architecture of Louis I. Kahn seeks to remedy the dearth of close analyses of many of Louis Kahn's greatest buildings: the Yale Art Gallery, the Richards Medical Research Building, the Salk Institute, the Unitarian Church, the Women's Dormitory at Bryn Mawr, the Exeter Library, the Indian Institute of Management, the Assembly Building at Dacca, the Kimbell Art Museum and the Yale British Art Center. The previously known aspects of Kahn's life and poetics of architecture are re-interpreted here through detailed readings of specific works. Anomalies in Kahn's architecture are discussed and explicated. The sixty illustrations include over twenty items from the Louis Kahn Collection at the University of

Pennsylvania and a selection of the author's personal photographs of Kahn's work. This book is published on the hundredth anniversary of the architect's birth. This exhibition and its catalogue represent the first extensive scholarship devoted to Louis I. Kahn's life and work since his drawings and office files became readily available for study.

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The man who envisioned and realized such landmark buildings as the Salk

Institute, the Kimbell Art Museum, and the National Assembly complex in Bangladesh, Louis Kahn was born in what is now Estonia, immigrated to America, and became one of the towering figures in his adopted country's built world. His works are unmistakable in their elegance, monolithic power, and architectural honesty. Written by Carter Wiseman, one of Kahn's most respected commentators, this book offers a succinct, accessible examination of the life and work of one of America's greatest architects. It traces the influence of his immigrant origins, his upbringing in poverty, his education, the impact of the Great Depression, and the arrival of Modernism on his life and work. Finally, it provides insight into why, as the legacy of many of his contemporaries has receded in importance, Kahn's has remained so durably influential. Louis Kahn: A Life in Architecture provides the best concise introduction available to this singular life and achievement.

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The Kimbell Art Museum exemplifies gravitas and restraint, producing a timeless design. The interiors are scaled to complement but not overwhelm the works of art. The architectural effects arise from the dignified rhythm of spaces and refined treatment of materials.

Documents Kahn's life and career

This book examines the idea of organism in the work of Louis I. Kahn, from the turning point of Rome to the project for Venice. It presents an original interpretation of the work of Kahn during one of the most fruitful periods of his career, when he was working on a particular design method based on an entirely novel way of interacting with the past.

Beginning with a meticulous documentation and analysis of Kahn's experiences in the twenty years from 1930 to 1950, the book sheds new light on the relationship between Kahn's work and the modern movement. The arguments are supported by case studies, including that of the Palazzo dei Congressi in Venice based on Kahn's words (like his lessons in Venice at IUA, International University of Art, in 1971) and others as the Trenton Bath House, the Salk Institute (La Jolla), the Kimbell Museum (Fort Worth), the Yale Gallery and the Mellon Center for British Art (New Haven) and more. Unlike much of the by now well-established literature on Kahn's work, *Louis I. Kahn in Rome and Venice* suggests that the basic premise of Kahn's invention is the idea of spatial, constructive organism, which explains how he created forms that were inextricably anchored in the past, without imitating any one kind of ancient architecture. The main objective of the book is to explain Kahn's methodology to architects and students, showing how he was able to design an architectural object with the characteristics of the best designed objects: organisms, in which each part contributes, with the whole, to creating "something made of indivisible parts".

Comprehensively traces the development of Louis I. Kahn's philosophy of architecture from its beginnings in the 1930s to Kahn's death in 1974. The author, Kahn's daughter, provides a unique presentation of biographical information, portions of letters and writings, speeches, photos, and other material inaccessible to other writers. Includes diagrams collected from published and unpublished sources. Shows how Kahn's

personality and background contributed directly to his philosophical principles.

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