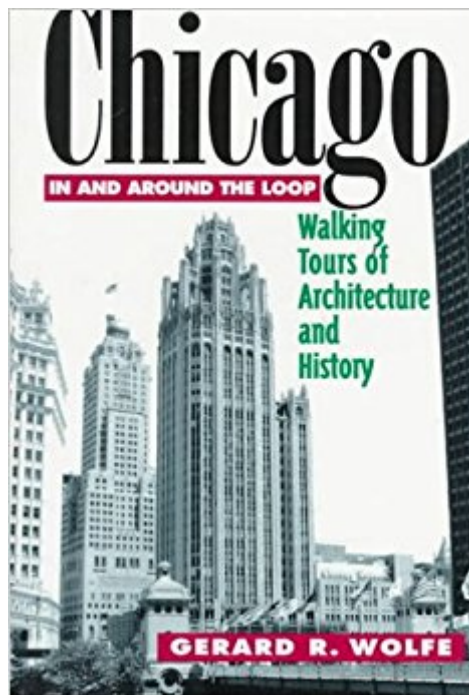




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Explore the city that is the cradle of the American skyscraper and still leads the world in modern building design! The fascinating architecture of Chicago unfurls before your eyes in this acclaimed walking tour guide to the "City of Big Shoulders," birthplace of the skyscraper. Full of little-known facts intriguing to natives and tourists alike, Chicago: In and Around the Loop guides you through Chicago's world-famous landmark buildings; walks you through the Loop and along and "Magnificent Mile," the "Gold Coast," Printers' Row, Grant Park, and Prairie Avenue; and shows you the most stunning views of Chicago's glorious and historic skyline. Along the way, you'll meet architects like Dankmar Adler, Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and many others who revamped the American skyline and aesthetic. What an adventure lies before you as you relive the exciting growth, development, and modernization of the dynamic "Windy City" (and find out why it's called

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I've always been a little town-proud wherever I've lived, and from a purely architectural standpoint, downtown Chicago is my pick for most beautiful urban cityscape in the world. I like giving tours to family, friends, and colleagues when they visit, and this is a terrific guide book. I haven't read through the whole thing yet, but I've looked through a number of entries on buildings I've always wanted to know more about, and this book has just the right amount of detail: who the architects were; what the building has been called over the years; what the key, distinctive architectural features are; and an interesting tidbit of trivia or two. This is exactly what I was looking for to share my appreciation for Chicago architecture.

I volunteer as a Greeter for the City of Chicago. This guide has been my go to source for learning where to go, what to see, the history of the architecture, and the background of what there is to see. Some might find it too thorough for the casual tourist. For people who are interested in a more comprehensive information than what you would get from a regular travel guide, this book is a good value for the price.

Just moved to Chicago so haven't had a chance to use this much, but am looking forward to taking some of the walks laid out in this book. It is interesting to read as a "virtual" architectural tour, even if you're not actually out there walking.

fast and in time. good . Great little business. Lovely, friendly follow-up. Awesome bread product. Go get yourself one. my husband think it is amazing , feel very good .

An excellent set of tours of all neighborhoods of downtown Chicago, profusely illustrated with

contemporary and archival photos, with a lively and user-friendly text. Especially helpful for the first-time visitor, although I understand it has been adopted by the Chicago Architecture Foundation as a guide to train its docents who give walking tours. I have not come across any better guide to the Loop and its surroundings, with a crisp style and useful historical facts. Dr. Gareth Shellman (shellman@csd.uwm.edu) Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

I currently live in Chicago and have had a great time exploring and learning about new (to me) places with the help of this book. There is a good amount of info. to give the reader a decent background on many of the buildings in the Loop. It omits lengthy and unnecessary history topics to focus on the highlights of each walking tour, leaving the lengthy history for other books to explore. I've learned a lot about my own city by reading this book and highly recommend it.

Gerard Wolfe has produced an inclusive and engaging book concentrating on the area in and around the Loop in Chicago. In a series of walking tours, he weaves history and architecture into a "must see" for tourists, native Chicagoans and armchair travelers, alike.

For those of us who grew up around Chicago and know downtown, this is a great book not just a vague coffee table book. Lots of good photos and history. I loaned this from the library and am planning on buying it. Highly recommended!

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