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*Alvar Aalto* ABRAMS  
Alvar Aalto remains  
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architect, retains his  
place among the  
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architecture and is now

recognized internationally as one of the world's greatest architects of all time. For Finland, Aalto, through his architecture, furniture, glassware and sculpture, contributed perhaps more than any other Finn to the creation of the cultural identity of the new independent Finland and its promotion around the world. His Finnish Pavilions in Paris and New York from the Thirties placed Finland centre-stage, establishing its identity as a modern, innovative country and generated huge interest in this northern land of lakes and forests. He went on to work in 18 countries around the world, as well as designing many of Finland's most

important buildings of the 50s, 60s and 70s. This new biography of Aalto is the first to comprehensively cover his life, from the backwoods of Ostrabothnia to international fame and all of his buildings, from the early alterations and extensions to shops and houses in Jyväskylä to Finlandia Hall. It draws on Aalto's archive, recollections of former employees and contemporaneous publications to fully explore Alvar Aalto the architect, rather than simply Alvar Aalto's architecture. For the first time, his life is set in the context of the events that surrounded and shaped it - the Finnish Civil War, the Great Depression, The Winter and Continuation Wars, the

post-war boom in education, Finland's industrialisation and eventually the social revolution of the 60s which led to his characterization as a member of a Finnish elite and temporary unpopularity. It covers his life from his childhood, growing up in regional Jyvaskyla and Alajarvi, his architectural studies in Helsinki, combat in the Civil War through to the founding of his first office, his early neo-classical work and his international breakthrough with the completion of Paimio Sanatorium and Viipuri Library. It deals with his personal life, his marriage to Aino, what working life in his first office was like, the architectural competitions, his key friendships and

continuous financial difficulties. As his career progressed, it explores the patrons who were so important to him - the Gullichsens and the founding of Artek, his new American friends, professorship at MIT. After the war, the death of Aino, marriage to Elissa and the period of his greatest architectural achievements - Saynatsalo Town Hall, Otaniemi University and Imatra Church. It considers the organisation of his new office in Helsinki, his expanding team, fame and eventually vanity. The book seeks to understand what drove him, the combination of skills, talents and character traits, which led to his extraordinary global success. As you will be aware, there is

no shortage of books on Alvar Aalto, or to be more precise, there is no shortage of books on Alvar Aalto's Architecture. (Only one previous biography exists, published first in 1984 and now out of print). This book is about an architect and his architecture, written by another architect, not an architectural historian. It is the first, frank and fully-comprehensive biography of Alvar Aalto.

The History of an Institution and Its Global Competitors

Taylor & Francis  
This carefully curated catalog celebrates the rich detail in the work of Aino, Elissa, and Alvar Aalto. Every support, railing, and handle is the result of intensive formal and functional research.

The authors document 50 Aalto buildings - some well-known and others less so - and arrange their photographs by component into 20 chapters. The result is a rich photographic record that will serve as a source of inspiration for every architect.

*Paradise for the Man in the Street* Alvar Aalto  
Museo

What worlds are revealed when we listen to alpacas, make photographs with yeast or use biosignals to generate autonomous virtual organisms? Bioart invites us to explore artistic practices at the intersection of art, science and society. This rapidly evolving field utilises the tools of life sciences to examine the

materiality of life; the collision of human and nonhuman. Microbiology, virtual reality and robotics cross disciplinary boundaries to engage with arts as artists and scientists work together to challenge the ways in which we understand and observe the world. This book offers a stimulating and provocative exploration into worlds emerging, seen through art as we don't know it? yet.00'Art as We Don't Know It' showcases art and research that has grown and flourished within the wider network of both the Bioart Society and Biofilia during the previous decade. The book features a foreword by curator and art historian

Mónica Bello, and a selection of peer-reviewed articles, personal accounts and interviews, artistic contributions and collaborative projects which illustrate the breadth and diversity of bioart. The resulting book is a tantalising and invaluable indicator of trends, visions and impulses in the field.

Exhibition the Museum of Modern Art, New York Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This book is an introduction to the history of the concept and the institution of (fine) art, from its ancient Southern European roots to the establishment of the modern system of the arts in eighteenth century Central Europe. It highlights the way the concept

and institution of (fine) art, through colonialism and diaspora, conquered the world. Rynnänen presents globally competing frameworks from India to Japan but also describes how the art system debased local European artistic cultures (by women, members of the working class, etc) and how art with the capital A appropriated not just non-Western but also Western alternatives to art (popular culture). The book discusses alternative art forms such as sport, kitsch, and rap music as pockets of resistance and resources for future concepts of art. Ultimately, the book introduces nobrow as an alternative to high and low, a new concept that sheds light on the democratic potentials

of the field of art and invites reader to rethink the nature of art.

### **Creating a Modern World** Timber Press

One of the most important architects of the 20th century, Alvar Aalto is responsible for creating the minimalist, Scandinavian-style which dominates much of contemporary design. This book profiles his most important projects, including the Finlandia Hall in Helsinki and the Church of Three Crosses in Imatra, Finland.

Alvar Aalto Taschen America Llc

Expanded to twice as many entries as the 1985 edition, and updated with new publications, new editions of previous entries, titles missed

the first time around, more of the artists' own writings, and monographs that deal with significant aspects or portions of an artist's work though not all of it. The listing is alphabetical by artist, and the index by author. The works cited include analytical and critical, biographical, and enumerative; their formats range from books and catalogues raisonnés to exhibition and auction sale catalogues. A selection of biographical dictionaries containing information on artists is arranged by country. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

**Aalto, Utzon, Fehn**

Solasta Press

Alvar Aalto *Paradise for the Man in the Street*  
*Alvar Aalto, A Gentler Structure for Life*

Rizzoli International Publications

"The story of Alvar Aalto's furniture, from his first known work in 1919 to the latest bentwood variations by Artek, has been reconstructed here in four articles. Mr. Igor Herler, architect and scholar, reveals hitherto unknown designs of Aalto's youth ; Mr. Göran Schildt, Ph.D., author and Aalto's biographer, studies the evolution of his "trademark", the bentwood furniture, and the creation of the Artek company ; Ms. Marja-Liisa Parko, interior architect, formerly employed in the Artek Design Studio, recalls the relations between Aalto and the Artek Studio and touches on some of the technical aspects of production ;



and finally, Ms. Elissa Aalto, Alvar's wife and partner, in collaboration with Ms. Marja-Riitta Norri, writes on fixed furniture in Aalto's architecture as an organic extension of his designs for standard furniture." -- p. 11.

*On the Philosophy of Central European Art*

Aalto

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Loved Goodbye

Christopher Robin?

Learn more about the real place that inspired A. A. Milne's beloved stories. Delve into the home of the world's most beloved bear! The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh explores the magical landscapes where Pooh, Christopher Robin, and their friends live and play. The Hundred Acre

Wood—the setting for Winnie-the-Pooh's adventures—was inspired by Ashdown Forest, a wildlife haven that spans more than 6,000 acres in southeast England. In the pages of this enchanting book you can visit the ancient black walnut tree on the edge of the forest that became Pooh's house, go deep into the pine trees to find Poohsticks Bridge, and climb up to the top of the enchanted Galleons Lap, where Pooh says goodbye to Christopher Robin. You will discover how Milne's childhood connection with nature and his role as a father influenced his famous stories, and how his close collaboration with illustrator E. H. Shepard brought those stories to life. This

charming book also serves as a guide to the plants, animals, and places of the remarkable Ashdown Forest, whether you are visiting in person or from the comfort of your favorite armchair. In a delightful narrative, enriched with Shepard's original illustrations, hundreds of color photographs, and Milne's own words, you will rediscover your favorite characters and the magical place they called home. "Aalto's lovely book provides two great pleasures: a visit to the actual wild spots that inform the fictional Pooh world and a chance to slip into our memories of the books themselves." —The Washington Post

*Touched* Princeton Architectural Press

"Artek and the Aaltos:

Creating a Modern World" will be the first book in the English language on the topic and the most comprehensive to date, drawing its research materials primarily from the archives of Alvar Aalto's architectural firm and Artek. It will expand on the exhibition of the same name through twelve chapters, anchored by essays written by leading scholars of design and architectural history, including Harry Charrington, Juhani Pallasmaa, and Susanna Pettersson, and specific studies of Artek's interior projects, which will include previously unpublished materials. Lavish photography will present the broad range of works on

display, many illustrated for the first time, and will provide an unprecedented visual record of the substantial contributions made by Artek to modern interiors, art, and furnishings"-- Psychology Press

Alvar Aalto is recognized today as one of the great masters of modern architecture. His architecture is distinctly Finnish. It is marked by humanity and strong individuality. This book is the first comprehensive illustrated book on the designs of Aalto. Articles written by experts will shed light on many aspects of his wide-ranging scope as a designer of furniture, glass, and light fittings. The book also contains

an illustrated catalogue of Aalto's best-known designs and their variations. Aalto's contribution to modernism has truly inspired and has been a catalyst for the world.

*Nature and Space*

Routledge

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accompany exhibition held at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, 19/2 19/5 1998.

Routledge

During the course of a career spanning more than fifty years, Finnish architect and designer Alvar Aalto (1898-1976) designed nearly one hundred single-family houses. Aalto, also known for his furniture and glassware, worked in a distinctive style that blended modernism and traditional vernacular

architecture. Now available in paperback, *Alvar Aalto Houses* presents twenty-six of Aalto's innovative residences—from small summer homes and postwar standardized housing to large housing complexes for industrial commissions—built between the 1920s and the 1960s.

### **Spatial Experience**

Vitra Design Stiftung Discover the gentler face of modernism in this introduction to Alvar Aalto, the Finnish architect who defied the slick geometries set by the International Style to prioritize soft, poetic, undulating forms. Whether a villa, a sauna, or a lamp design, Aalto's organic structures championed environmentally sound and progressive design with a deep...

### **The Complete**

### **Catalogue of Architecture, Design, and Art**

Timber Press

*Alvar Aalto and The Art of Landscape* captures the essence of the Finnish architect's landscape concept, emphasising culture and tradition, which characterised his approach to and understanding of architecture as part of the wider environment. From the forests of his youth to sights from his travels, Alvar Aalto (1898–1976) was influenced by outdoor landscapes.

Throughout his career, he felt the need to shape the terrain and this became a signature of his architecture. Divided into five chapters, this book traces Aalto's relationship with landscape, starting

with an analysis of his definitions and descriptions of landscape language, which ranged from natural references and biological terms, to synonyms and comparisons. It includes beautifully illustrated case study projects from the 1950s and 1960s, discussing Aalto's transformation of different landscapes through topography, terracing and tiers, ruins and natural elements, horizon outlines, landmarks, and the repetition of form. Featuring archival sketches, garden drawings, and plans, the book also contains Aalto's text 'Architecture in the Landscape of Central Finland' from 1925 in the appendix. This book provides

fascinating, untold insights into Aalto's relationship with landscape and how this developed during his lifetime, for scholars, researchers, and students interested in architecture and landscape history, landscape art, and cultural studies.

*Alvar Aalto* Routledge  
Aalto's often-idealistic reform projects - his Renaissance revival, his rationalistic utopia - his writings as a propagandist during the war years; his comments on his own crucial travels to Italy, the 1939 New York World's Fair, and the "decadence of public buildings"; critiques of building and furniture design - all reveal the progression of ideas and convictions that grew and changed throughout Aalto's life,

both reflecting and influencing the course of architecture in the twentieth century.

### **Aalto and Le**

**Corbusier** Rizzoli International Publications Architecture has attracted increasing worldwide attention in recent years, not only because of its cultural significance but also because of concern over the performance and resource implications of buildings. 101 in-depth articles by international scholars and practitioners bring the subject into focus by examining issues from various viewpoints. Please contact your representative for a leaflet detailing full contents and contributors. It also includes sample pages

and several illustrations from the book.

*Writing Wild* St Martins Press

Described by the architectural critic Sigfried Giedion as the "Magus of the North," Alvar Aalto (1898-1976) is the best-known Finnish architect of his generation and a leading proponent of a more human modernism. His buildings such as the Paimio Sanatorium (1933), the legendary Villa Mairea (1939) and the church of the Three Crosses in Vuoksenniska (1958), embody a masterful interplay of organic volumes, forms and materials. From door handles and lighting fixtures to built-in furniture, Aalto frequently designed

complete interiors down to the smallest detail. With his plywood chairs, the master builder additionally became one of the most significant designers of the twentieth century. His Savoy Vase represents the quintessential qualities of Finnish and organic design. This richly illustrated book is the first in many years to offer a comprehensive and current overview of Aalto's oeuvre as an architect, designer and urban planner. Ten authors, including the renowned architectural historians Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen and Akos Moravanszky, and MoMA curator Pedro Gadanho, address central aspects of Aalto's work. Particular attention is paid to Aalto's dialogue with

important artists of his day, including Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, Jean Arp, Alexander Calder and Fernand Leger, as well as his interest in film, cinema and photography, whose influences on his work are examined here for the first time. The catalogue section presents numerous never-before-seen original drawings and architectural models from the archive of the Alvar Aalto Foundation. This perspective on Aalto is complemented with photographs by Armin Linke, who documented a number of Aalto's buildings anew especially for this publication. As these images demonstrate, Aalto's work is as current and inspiring today as it was at the time of its creation. *Arts, Politics and Social*

*Movements* Birkhäuser letters, memoranda and contemporary newspaper cuttings as well as many building models, to ensure that every work is included in this volume.

With the full cooperation of the Alvar Aalto Foundation, Goran Schildt has explored its archives, and some 20,000

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