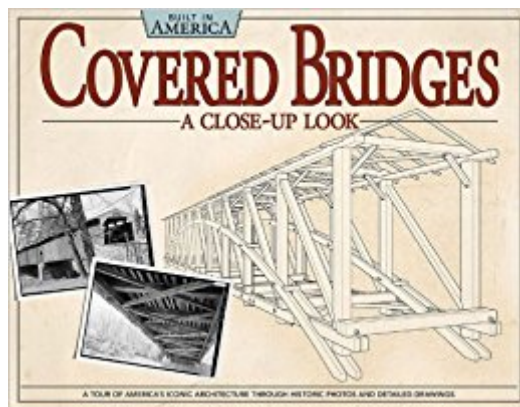




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Covered Bridges: A Close-Up Look: A Tour Of America's Iconic Architecture Through Historic Photos And Detailed Drawings (Built In America)



Synopsis

Whether you are a casual explorer or a serious history buff, this glimpse into America's architectural past with hands on GPS site coordinates and detailed architectural plans provides a vivid picture of covered bridges.

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As a symbol of America's rural landscape, covered bridges have inspired the passion of painters and poets, sparked the curiosity of historians, and obliged the logic of structural engineers.

However, since the late-nineteenth century, when as many as 10,000 bridges dotted our nation's back roads, these wooden structures have slowly disappeared and today fewer than 900 remain scattered across 29 states. Fortunately, through the collections of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), the legends of these iconic structures have been preserved through historic photographs and architectural drawings. In

Covered Bridges: A Close-Up Look, you'll take an in-depth tour of a variety of bridges through stunning photos and precise architectural plans culled from the HABS/HAER website. In addition,

you'll enjoy an inspiring forward by Thomas E. Walczak, National Society for the Preservation of

Covered Bridges, learn a brief history of each bridge, and discover the handy GPS coordinates that make each location easy to find. Covered Bridges: A Close Up Look provides a tour like no other of

America's most iconic architecture, some still proudly in use while others endure through treasured

photos and drawings.

Editor Alan Giagnocavo - Alan is the Publisher for Fox Chapel Publishing, Skills Institute Press, Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine, and Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts Magazine. He has worked in the publishing industry his entire adult life, and currently spends his time acquiring new products and in market development. Co-Author Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)- Established in 1933, HABS was developed to preserve the architectural history of America. Formed by the American Institute of Architects, The Library of Congress and the National Park Service, HABS is America's first federal preservation program and works to collect historic architectural photos and documents on a national scale. Learn more at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/habs/index.htm>.

Several years ago my wife and I started visit Oregon's covered bridges as a low impact activity as she recovered from major surgery. One of the bridges featured in this book is the Larwood Bridge which we visited.. I hope to make a model of this by scaling down the dimensions given in this book.

It's a good solid book.

Lots of construction details.

Bought for Stepdad, if you like covered bridges, this is a must have. The design of the different bridge types appeals to those more mechanically inclined.

This is a very well done book about covered bridges and their detailed structure, complete with blueprint drawings, etc. It is of high quality. My copy lists Thomas E. Walczak as the author, who is a friend of mine. I don't understand why he isn't mentioned as the author in the listing. I do recommend it, anyway!

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