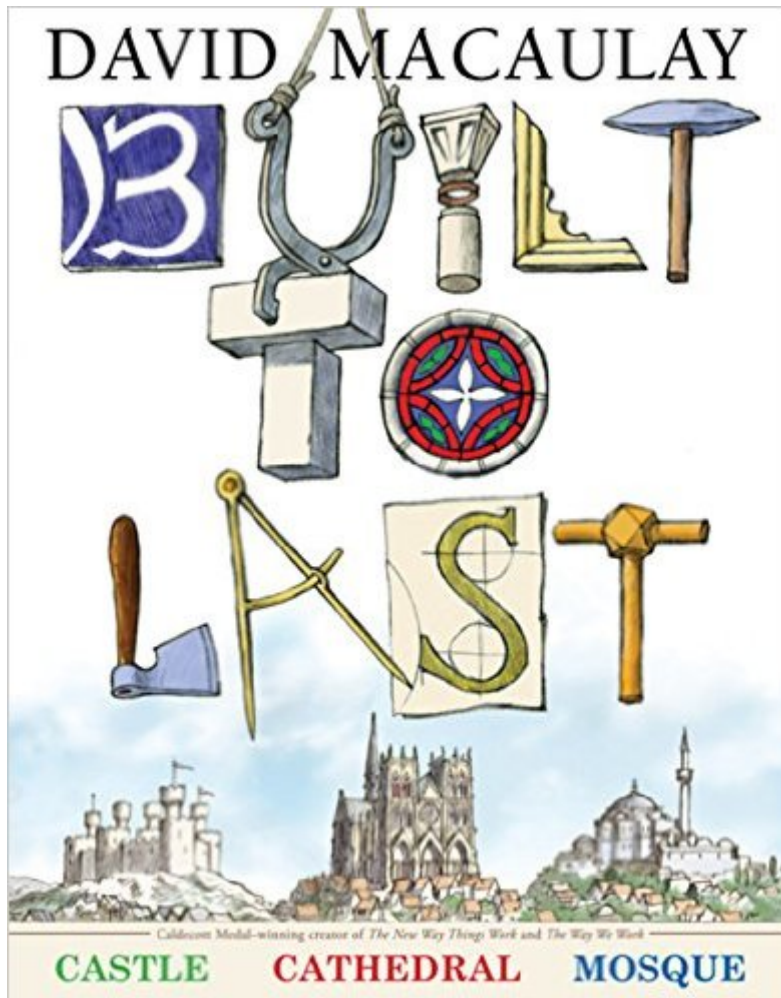


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# Built To Last



## Synopsis

This new book "inspired by three classic, award-winning books" reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created. Macaulay has revised texts based on new research, created gorgeous new drawings, in some cases wholly re-imagined scenes from the books "bringing Castle and Cathedral to life in full-color for the very first time. The resulting illustrations add to the reader's understanding of these buildings, capturing intriguing new perspectives and a depth of detail in structure and atmosphere. This impeccably researched volume is not only a necessary addition to the bookshelf of any David Macaulay or architecture fan, but will delight readers of all ages who are experiencing his work for the first time.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Built to Last is a compilation of David Macaulay's books Castle, Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction and Mosque. At \$10 on , this hardcover book is hard to beat. My nine-year-old-Lego-loving-son thoroughly enjoys browsing through the pages of this fantastic book.

The books themselves are wonderful and capture one's imagination and let children relive history, but the kindle version is terrible. The resolution of the images is terrible! so then they repeat

illustrations and text so you are left totally confused. Tried on 8.9" fire and iPad app all, equally poor resolution. The text has no flow and is impossible to read. Needs to be rescanned at high resolution so that at least on a tablet one can get the flavor of the original.

I have always like David Macaulay's work and as a child really liked his "The Way Things Work". Built to Last follows a similar path as that book only with architectural wonders that have stood the test of time. The illustrations are fascinating and allow you to see the true labor that is necessary to build these structures. Castle and Cathedral were stand alone books that have been brought together with Mosque to give a unique description of how these buildings came to be. The book also shows how distinctly different each building was made yet, how each technique has stood the test of time. It really got me thinking as a child and I remember using my lego's to mimic the buildings. I am a father now and I wanted to instill the same wonderment in my son so I picked this up. The new color illustrations are fantastic and you can tell a lot of work went in to make them look really good. (Original was black and white and in order to make them color and look right the drawings had to be redone). While the content of the book might be a little over the head of a small child the images inspire the inner engineer and I think that is great.

David Macaulay's books are written so a teen or younger can understand, but are actually fascinatingly educational for adults too. I have a Ph.D in engineering and still love to read them.

Fantastic. Great visuals of construction techniques, foundations and timelines all written to follow simple plots that give a good grasp of where, why and by whom these structures were built. The pictures are not only entertaining but show great detail of how roofing was accomplished by rolling together the edges of lead sheets; how windows were framed with stone being laid flat for carving then lifted into place and secured; how arches were supported while under construction and the methods used to ensure they stayed perfectly shaped. This book includes the three books castle, cathedral and mosque. I already had castle, bought this and now can either get rid of the castle-only book or use it to write notes in. Highly recommend for anyone interested in how these structures went up.

I bought this book for grandkids and definately enjoyed reviewing it before giving it to them. Hope they will appreciate it as they grow and begin to understand the concepts. Wonderfully, creatively illustrated. Shoud be in every kids library.

I love books by David Macaulay that tell the story of the construction of great buildings or of essential ones. I find the stories fascinating and get a glimpse of how life was lived in past ages. Highly recommended.

Excellent work, but poorly advertised. My history teacher who uses the black and white versions of Castle and Cathedral (not to mention Pyramids) extensively in his classes, and myself as a huge fan of the author, had never even heard of this colored print even though it's already six years old.

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