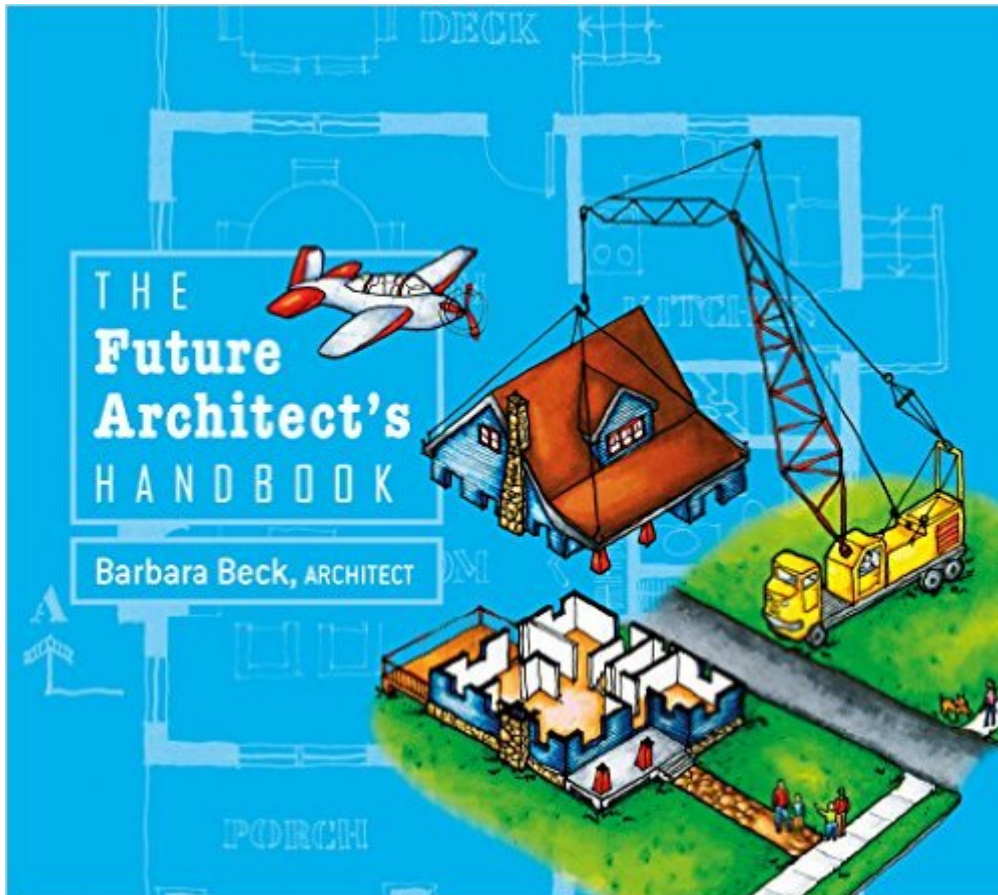


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# The Future Architect's Handbook



## Synopsis

For children with a passion for drawing, or dreams of creating buildings, this book explores how architects really work, taking the young reader through the entire process for planning and designing a house. Learn about an architect's four main drawings: the Site Plan, Floor Plan, Section, and Elevation—including the concept of drawing each plan to scale. Aspiring architects discover design techniques, along with different, exciting architectural styles used today. All of this is brought to life in freehand, pen-and-ink architectural drawings that will inspire children to apply these lessons to their own designs. This book is the perfect introduction to architecture, revealing why buildings look and function as they do. While this creative book is ideal for the middle grades, ages 9-12, even adults will find it inspiring.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Beck's book fills a gap in career books for elementary readers. Often these books are geared towards primary students and don't have enough depth for kids who are already passionate about a career choice. Beck avoids the typical "Day in the Life" scenario, instead following her fictional architect through the project of designing his own home. Each short chapter describes a specific architectural component. Line drawings give examples of the types of options available to the architect, and a well-written text describes the decision making process that goes into the final design. A high quality book for upper elementary students who dream of being architects. (Review

based on copy provided by the publisher through NetGalley).

This book surprised me in a couple ways. One, it was very thorough, as if one was taking a class and having everything explained to them. Two, it had good graphics to follow along with what was being presented. I read it along with my 10 year old, who found it very interesting. I think I may have a future architect at my house! It calls itself a handbook, and I would have to agree. There is enough information in here about the basics. Things like elevation, site plan, floor plan, scale, and so much more. The author explains it all in simple terms that are easy to understand. What impressed me was along the reading we ran into some bits of history from Greek to Frank Lloyd-Wright! I recommend this for young ages who are talking careers or who need to make a book report on similar subjects. Or just plain learning value for a parent to teach the child. \*\*\*I received this ARC copy in exchange for review purposes. This did not influence my opinion on author or book.

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frequently referring to other types of buildings. I remember when I was a young kid, trying to apply rules of logic to the English language - which is a doomed activity, let's face it - and wondering why hoof became hooves, but roof didn't become rooves! I had all but forgotten that until I started looking at the plan view of the house, with the interesting roof line and got carried back! Woah! It's a dizzying experience going down memory lane sometimes, isn't it?! Anyway, this book not only discusses the how, but also the what and the why, which is just as important. How do we select a site? How do we factor in the environment? Why are there so many drawings?! What do these lines and symbols mean? It never goes into too much detail - just enough to get an understanding of the things discussed on the page, and it challenges the reader to think about what they're doing, and to try to improve upon the house that's designed in the text - what would you do? How would you change it? What would you prefer in a house you were designing? Of course there's far more to it than is shown here, but this is a great way to start. There's no genderism here. This book reads true and pure for females, males, or anyone in between. The only thing you need worry about is whether you have enough large, blank pieces of paper upon which your kid(s) can execute their grand designs. Or maybe you can find a site or an app online which allows kids to design their own buildings, and save those trees! Maybe after they've designed their building, you can help them construct it with Legos and see if it works? I loved this book, and I recommend it.

This book was bought because of its great reviews of how old the book is and how inspirational it is. But the book was published just a few years ago. My son looks at the book but is not really interested in it because it's not colorful. He loves building but this book doesn't grasp his attention.

This is really a great book. I got it for my son for his 12th birthday but I think this book despite it's "young" looking cover, would be interesting to a child anywhere between 10 - 15, maybe more depending on their reading level.

Our 11 year old grandson began reading it as soon as he received it in the post. Not much later he started designing two buildings, one of which was a casino!!! Obviously a winner!

My son loved this book. He's 7 and in love with building and this brought the concepts to real life applications easily with the use of practical examples and drawing. Fun!

What a great book for the budding young architect. I could also see an adult architect or home

builder reading this book to their young children to help them conceptualize what they do professionally. It is remarkable how the author takes what could be a complex subject and explains it in a way that is both informative and fun. The wonderful drawings throughout the book will further captivate the reader.

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