

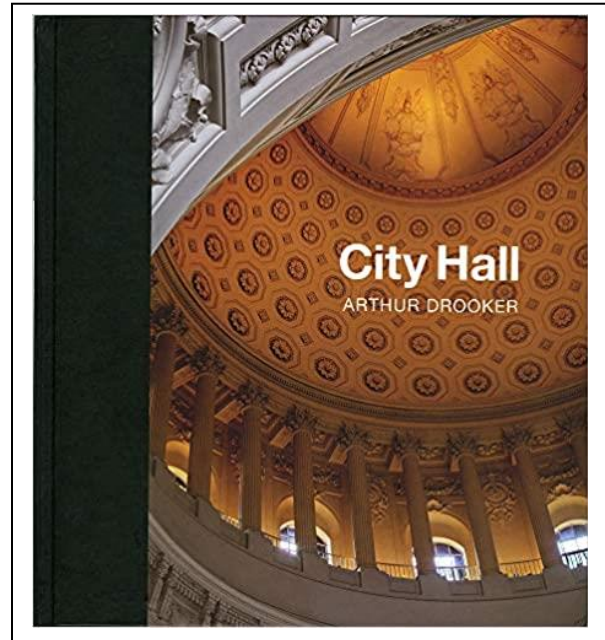
## From the Planners' Bookshelf...

# City Hall: Masterpieces of American Civic Architecture.

Arthur Drooker (Author) Schiffer Publishing, Ltd., Atglen, Pennsylvania, 192 pages, 2021.

**FROM AMAZON...** *City Hall* is the first book to feature striking contemporary images of the most architecturally significant city halls in the United States. This diverse collection includes New York, the oldest; Philadelphia, once the tallest building in the world; and Boston, the first major brutalist building in the United States.

Organized chronologically, the book traces the evolution of American civic architecture from the early 19th century to the present day and represents diverse styles such as Federalist, art deco, and modern. Architects, current and former mayors, historians, and preservationists tell the story about how each city hall came to be, what it says about its city, and why it's important architecturally.



With a foreword by noted historian Douglas Brinkley and an essay by architectural writer Thomas Mellins, *City Hall* spotlights these often underappreciated civic buildings and affirms architecture's unique power to express democratic ideals and inspire civic engagement.

### About the Author

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Foreword by award-winning historian Douglas Brinkley, professor of history at Rice University, the CNN Presidential Historian, and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*.

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