Wells Coates (Twentieth-Century Architects)

By Elizabeth Darling

English Heritage, 2012. Soft cover. Condition: New. This book is a captivating account of the life and work of Wells Coates, one of the pioneers of British Modernism. Born in Japan to missionary parents from Canada, Coates studied engineering in Canada and England before deciding that architecture was his passion. Despite having no formal training, Coates went on to become a leading architect of his generation working in Britain in the inter-war years. An innovative and inventive man with many strings to his bow an engineer, teacher, architect and product designer to name a few Coates was at the forefront of the development of the Modernist movement in Britain. His designs such as the Lawn Road Flats in London, one of the earliest and most influential modern apartment blocks, and Embassy Court in Brighton, were truly transformational and offered a new solution to the problems of urban living, many of which are still relevant to today. Coates was not only a seminal figure in the development of the Modernist architectural style in Britain, he was also a tireless champion of the Modernist cause. In 1933 he and four other architects and critics founded the MARS (Modern Architectural Research) group a...

Reviews

This ebook is definitely not straightforward to start on looking at but really enjoyable to learn. It usually will not charge excessive. It is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding, once you begin to read the book.
-- Karianne Deckow

Basically no words to describe. It is filled with knowledge and wisdom I am just pleased to let you know that this is actually the greatest publication I have read within my individual lifestyle and may be he best publication for at any time.
-- Prof. Ron Gaylord II
The architect-engineer Wells Wintemute Coates (1895-1958) is amongst the most significant figures in the history of 20th-century British architecture. Through projects such as the Lawn Road Flats of 1934; the Sunspan Houses of the mid-1930s; Embassy Court Flats 1936; Palace Gate Flats, 1939 and the Telecinema for the Festival of Britain, 1951, he is recognised as one of the most significant figures in the history of 20th-century architecture. Wells Coates architect: buildings, English Modern architecture - 20th Century English architect of Lawn Road flats - Isokon, London architecture, England. Wells Coates' flat, Yeoman's Row, Knightsbridge, west London Date built: 1935. More architecture projects online soon. The architect was also a proficient industrial designer. Buildings in more detail. Isokon, Hampstead, London Lawn Road flats was influenced by Le Corbusier's housing proposals. Wells Coates was one of the most significant figures in British Architectural Modernism and designer of the landmark Lawn Road Flats (1934) in Hampstead that offered a new solution to the problems of urban living, still relevant today. Through contacts in London's bohemian circles, Coates entered architecture in 1929 without any formal training. This book is part of the Twentieth Century Architects series published jointly by RIBA Publishing, English Heritage and the Twentieth Century Society. Buy now from Liverpool University Press and get 25% discount by using the code C20ARCH. Paperback, 234x167mm, 160pp 120 illustrations Published 2012 ISBN: 978-1-85946-437-3. Only £20.00. Buy product. Members. Join us Sign in.