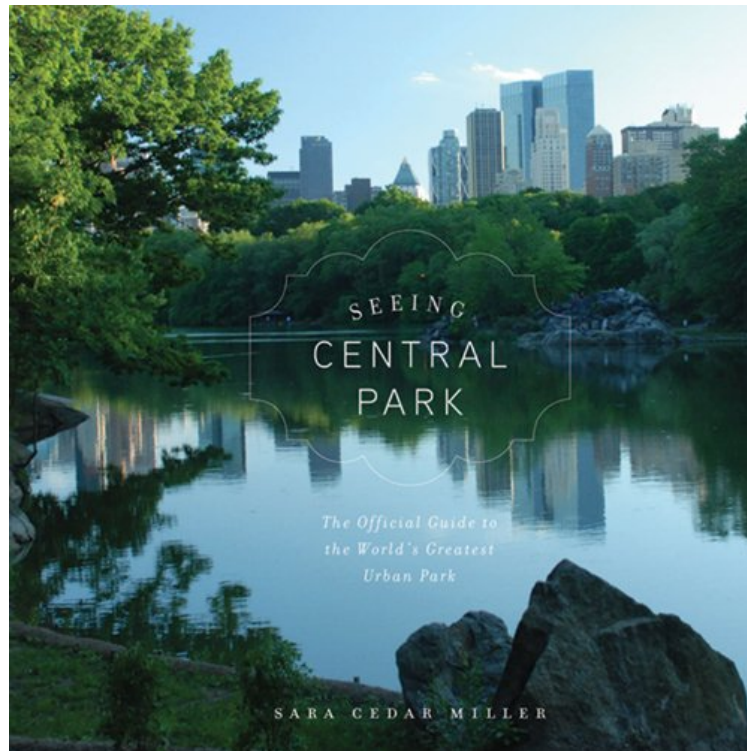


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amazing that the people of New York had the foresight to preserve such a large section of Manhattan Island as a park that all could enjoy. I wonder what the designers would say if they could see it now! The book has a smaller page size than some of our other "coffee table" books, but sometimes something smaller invites you for a closer look. It's beautifully presented in hard back form, and the dust cover has a map of Central Park on the reverse side. It's almost too pretty to carry along for a visit to the park! The book divides the Park into three sections and features a good balance of text and photographs of the many design elements of areas in the park. Some of the photos spread across two pages and others are smaller close-ups of more intricate decorations or embellishments on bridges and buildings. I love the fact that Sara Cedar Miller has included photos from all of the seasons, from the flowering fruit trees to snow-covered tree branches. Our son lives in Manhattan and we've visited the Park several times but have never explored it fully (nor has he!). Now that we have this book I'm sure we'll make more forays into the Park, bolstered by what Sara has presented to us in her delightful book. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about "the World's Greatest Urban Park."

For more than 150 years, Central Park has been the centerpiece of New York City, drawing more than 25 million visitors each year. In *Seeing Central Park*, Sara Cedar Miller, the official historian and photographer of the Central Park Conservancy, takes readers through America's most popular and celebrated park, where natural and manmade features are interwoven into a spectacular work of public art. Combining superb research and writing with breathtaking photographs, *Seeing Central Park* is not only a gorgeous gift book, but also a guide through every significant design feature in the park, from the largest, such as the Reservoir, to the smallest, such as the intricate carvings in the stonework surrounding Bethesda Terrace.

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