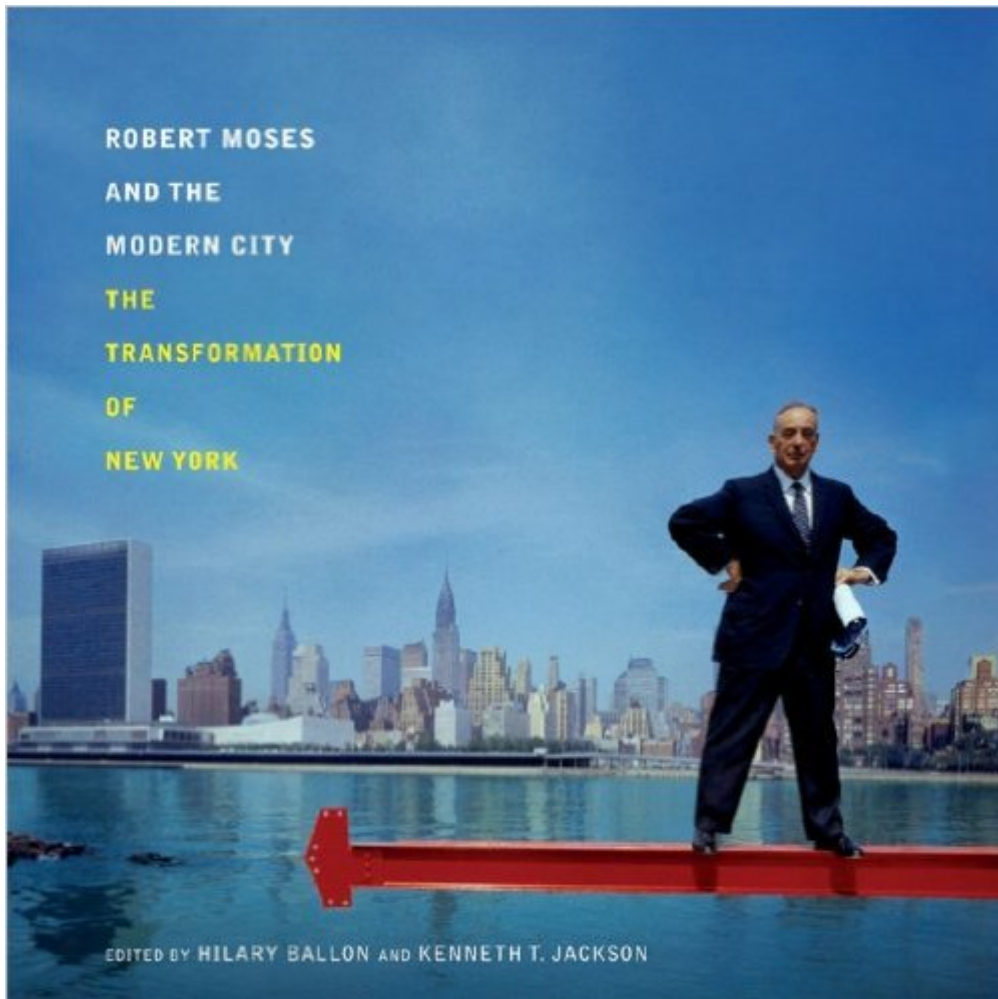


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# Robert Moses And The Modern City: The Transformation Of New York



## Synopsis

A fresh look at the greatest builder in the history of New York City and one of its most controversial figures. "We are rebuilding New York, not dispersing and abandoning it": Robert Moses saw himself on a rescue mission to save the city from obsolescence, decentralization, and decline. His vast building program aimed to modernize urban infrastructure, expand the public realm with extensive recreational facilities, remove blight, and make the city more livable for the middle class. This book offers a fresh look at the physical transformation of New York during Moses's nearly forty-year reign over city building from 1934 to 1968. It is hard to imagine that anyone will ever have the same impact on New York as did Robert Moses. In his various roles in city and state government, he reshaped the fabric of the city, and his legacy continues to touch the lives of all New Yorkers. Revered for most of his life, he is now one of the most controversial figures in the city's history. *Robert Moses and the Modern City* is the first major publication devoted to him since Robert Caro's damning 1974 biography, *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York*. In these pages eight short essays by leading scholars of urban history provide a revised perspective; stunning new photographs offer the first visual record of Moses's far-reaching building program as it stands today; and a comprehensive catalog of his works is illustrated with a wealth of archival records: photographs of buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes, of parks, pools, and playgrounds, of demolished neighborhoods and replacement housing and urban renewal projects, of bridges and highways; renderings of rejected designs and controversial projects that were defeated; and views of spectacular models that have not been seen since Moses made them for promotional purposes. *Robert Moses and the Modern City* captures research undertaken in the last three decades and will stimulate a new round of debate.

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I received a used copy and tore thru it immediately. The pictures showing the panorama of Commissioner Mose's accomplishments were stunning. The roads, bridges, giant swimming pools and other building projects completed are examined in detail in how they were funded/ built and the subsequent history - all excellently presented. But this is not a "coffee table book of pictures - its narrative is crisply written, informative and does a good job in contrasting its 2012- 2014 positive revisionist views of Robert Moses "vis a vie" Robert Caro's now debatable views of Mr Moses that he wrote about so eloquently 40 + years ago - chronicling a much different era of N.Y.C. viewpoint from Mr.Caro's 1968-74 economic, social and political perspectives/information when he researched and wrote his book..That chapter - Robert Moses and the Rise of New York "The Power Broker in Perspective" is an excellent overview on this controversial issue. New York City in 2014 is still in a world class city. Why ? This book reveals a more positive view of the greatness of Robert Moses's accomplishments based on the 2014 lens/vision which are still the 21st century backbone of the N.Y.C. five [5] boro's and metropolitan area. Without what Commissioner Moses envisioned, planned and built between 1924 and 1968 - parks, roads, beaches, bridges, tunnels, highways, housing and other infra structure - N.Y.C. would not have the basic infrastructure in 2014 needed to continue to be a viable city in the 21st century. To a some extent this book debunks R. Caro's theories that Commissioner Moses was an all powerfull "steamroller" effortlessly flattening everything in his path.

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