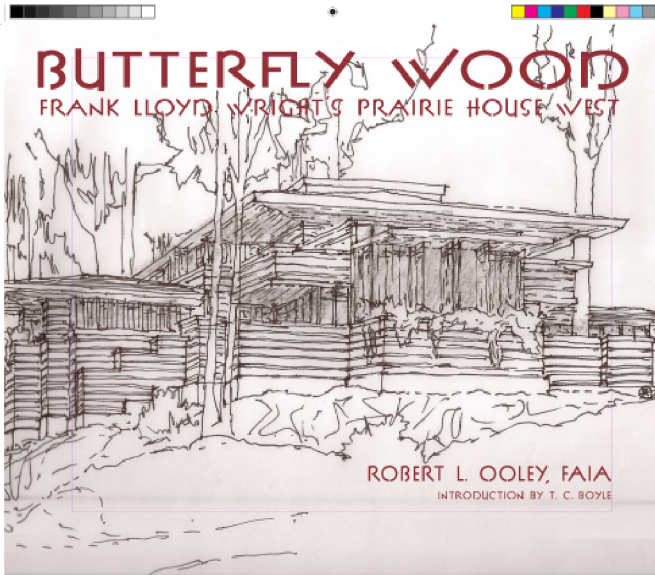


# BUTTERFLY WOOD

## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S PRAIRIE HOUSE WEST



### ABOUT BUTTERFLY WOOD

Frank Lloyd Wright is clearly the most important architectural figure of the 20th Century! He drew headline when alive and continues to almost 58 years after his death. There is even a Facebook page for him with nearly 78,000 followers. His work continues to draw countless people to the inspirational buildings that came from his hand. The George C. Stewart house is one of these buildings. *Butterfly Wood* is a story about a young hansom couple desiring to build a summer cottage away from the sweltering heat of their California Central Valley ranch and an embattled nationally recognized architect and the house they built together. The Stewart House is the only prairie period structure in the Western United States and the only one in California. The building is typical Wright from his prairie period of the 1900s, designed in a cruciform plan at two stories tall. It is highly unique for the Santa Barbara area of the time because of its use of steel in the framing and gravity water storage tank in the attic. For nearly 80 years the house rested upon granite stones for a foundation with little settlement of the structure.

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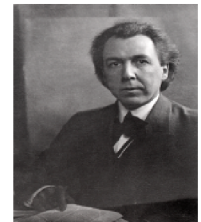
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