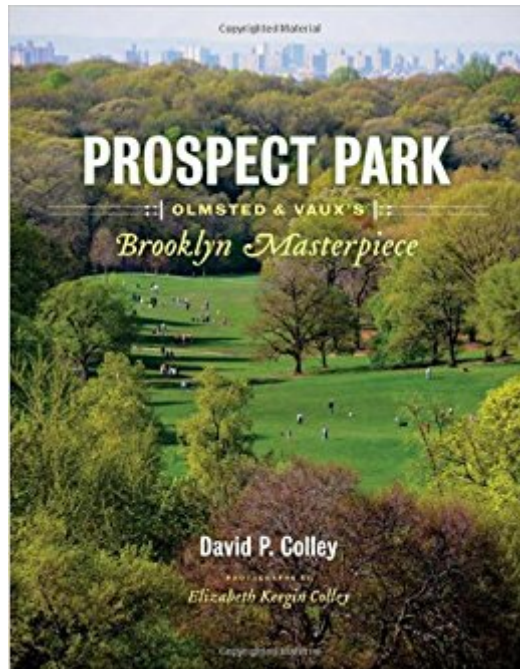


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# Prospect Park: Olmsted And Vaux's Brooklyn Masterpiece



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Right in the heart of one of the nation's most densely populated urban areas sits an idyllic realm of graceful meadows, dense woods, placid lakes, and fresh air. Brooklyn's 585-acre Prospect Park offers a rural refuge to thousands of visitors every day. Created nearly 150 years ago by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert B. Vaux, designers of New York's Central Park, the duo considered Prospect Park their true masterpiece. Prospect Park, the first monograph on this exquisite public space, makes it easy to see why. Presenting a wealth of archival and newly commissioned photography and insightful text, David P. Colley and Elizabeth Keegin Colley trace the park's colorful history from its creation in the mid-nineteenth century to its decline in the 1970s and restoration in the 1980s, up to the park's new Lakeside Center facility, scheduled to open in 2013.

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This is an engrossing history of the Park and of Brooklyn's heyday as an independent city in the 19th century. I bought it as a gift for my son who lives a block from the park, and I couldn't put it down when I went to visit him.

This book far exceeded my expectations...learned a few things about the park I never knew before..this book is highly recommended if you want a lot of insight about the park's history.

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