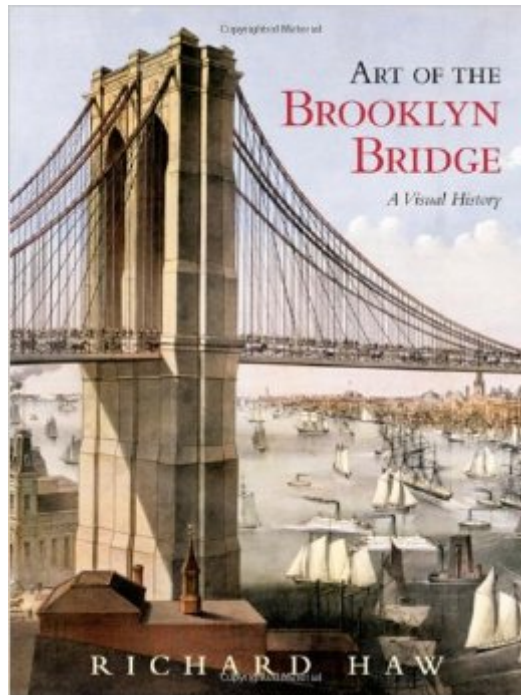


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# Art Of The Brooklyn Bridge: A Visual History



## Synopsis

The Brooklyn Bridge is a pre-eminent global icon. It is the world's most famous and beloved bridge, a "must-see" tourist hotspot, and a vital fact of New York life. For almost a hundred and forty years it has inspired artists of all descriptions, fueling a constant stream of paintings, photographs, lithographs, etchings, advertising copy, movies, and book, magazine, and LP covers. In consequence, the bridge may have the richest visual history of any man-made object, so much so, in fact, that almost no major American artist has failed to pay homage to the span in some form or other. Oddly, however, there are no books currently available that chart and discuss the bridge's visual history or its role in the development of American (or Western) art. This monograph aims to correct that, providing a full visual record of the bridge from the origins of its conception to the present day. It is a celebration of the bridge's glorious visual heritage timed to appear when the city will celebrate the span's 125th birthday.

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Haw's collection of both color and black-and-white images surrounding the building and celebration of the Brooklyn Bridge is beautiful. Page after page of drawings, paintings, and photographs, plus informative surrounding text, chart the bridge's building, opening, and early use. Considering the huge number of images, some in warm color, others of hard-to-find cartoons and drawings, this book is a bargain. After leafing through this handsomely produced volume, one understands why the Brooklyn Bridge has become an icon of American vision and engineering know-how.

Richard Haw has created a fresh and fascinating, well-written and well-researched, witty and beautiful book exploring the history and cultural influence of the Brooklyn Bridge. The images are excellent, but so is the snappy writing and cogent analysis -- he provides a more nuanced view of public opinion of the bridge than appeared in David McCullough's *The Great Bridge* and many other sources. I found his first two chapters (on the proposals predating John A. Roebling's and on the construction of the bridge itself) especially fascinating -- many facts, images, and details that I have seen nowhere else. Highly recommended!

The poster arrived quickly (within ten days of the order). It was well wrapped. I could see the subject of the poster but it was safely wrapped to avoid damage in shipping and yet be 'green' as far as amount of packing material used. It was very nicely framed & an excellent gift for my daughter who collects Brooklyn Bridge memorabilia.

A great book!

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