

5 REASONS TO READ... CALATRAVA: COMPLETE WORKS 1979-2007



1 Architect, engineer, artist: Brazilian icon Santiago Calatrava is a multi-talented man. This impressive monograph covers all his fields of work, from buildings to sculpture.

2 The book is a must for Calatrava fans, as every one of his astonishing buildings is illustrated – from past masterpieces to new and as yet unbuilt projects, such as his design for the transport hub at Ground Zero in Manhattan.

3 Highlights include stunning photos of Calatrava's Tenerife Auditorium, a huge fin shape in gleaming white, and his design for the 160-storey Chicago Spire Tower, a unicorn's horn-like creation set to become the tallest building in the US.

4 Calatrava created watercolour drawings illustrating the inspirations behind his designs especially for the book – something that sets it apart from your average artist's monograph.

5 At £79.99, the book may seem pricey, but it comes in Taschen's extra-large format, so it's something you can cherish forever.

Calatrava: Complete Works 1979-2007
by Philip Jodidio (Taschen, £79.99)