

## FAQ's

### **1. Who was Robert Venturi? Name any 2 books written by him.**

Robert Charles Venturi, Jr. is an American architect, founding principal of the firm Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, and one of the major architectural figures in the twentieth century.

Venturi was awarded the Pritzker Prize in Architecture in 1991; to him alone, despite a request to include his equal partner Denise Scott Brown.

He published his "gentle manifesto, "Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture".

In 1972, Venturi, Scott Brown and Izenour published the folio, A Significance for A&P Parking Lots, or Learning from Las Vegas later revised in 1977 as Learning from Las Vegas: the Forgotten Symbolism of Architectural Form using the student work as a foil for new theory.

### **2. Who was Christopher Alexander? Name any 2 books written by him.**

Christopher Wolfgang Alexander is a widely influential architect and design theorist, and currently emeritus professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

His theories about the nature of human-centered design have affected fields beyond architecture, including urban design, software, sociology and others.

Alexander has designed and personally built over 100 buildings, both as an architect and a general contractor.

Alexander is known for many books on the design and building process, including

- Notes on the Synthesis of Form,
- A City is Not a Tree
- The Timeless Way of Building,
- A New Theory of Urban Design, and
- The Oregon Experiment.