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## **Fifty State Capitols Featured:**

Architecture's Contributions to American-Style Representative Government

All fifty of America's state capitol buildings are featured in the new book ***Fifty State Capitols: The Architecture of Representative Government.***

The book includes a two-page spread of photographs with description of every state capitol, giving special attention to the unique features of each. Georgia's illuminated dome, Mississippi's "Blind Justice" medallion, Nebraska's "Tower on the Plains", New Hampshire's cupola, Virginia's portico design by Thomas Jefferson—they are all here, along with the dozens of other symbols of democracy that make each capitol unique.

The architects who designed state capitols—including Thomas Jefferson, Charles Bulfinch, Elijah Myers, and Cass Gilbert—looked for forms and features symbolic of democracy, finding them most often in ancient Greece and Rome. The columns, porticos, pediments, and domes of America's state capitols symbolize these classical qualities.

Author/photographer Jim Stembridge visited each of America's state capitols to document the domes, rotundas, legislative chambers, grand stairways, skylights, and public galleries that are both symbolic of, and essential to, the operation of democratic governance. The result is this collection of exterior views, interior details, and pithy narratives featuring every one of the nation's fifty state capitols.

***Fifty State Capitols*** is available at many state capitol, state museum, state archives and historical society gift shops and online through the website [www.fiftystatecapitols.com](http://www.fiftystatecapitols.com) or Amazon.com.

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