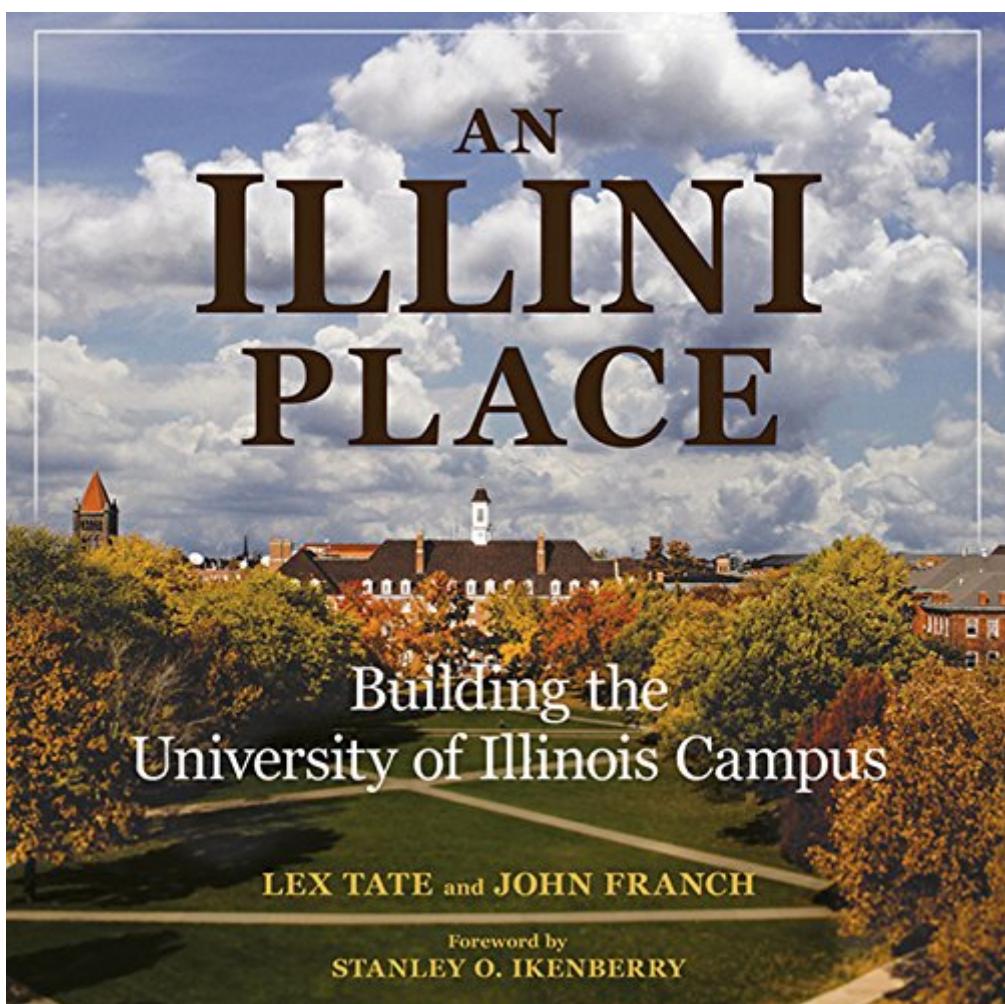


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Why does the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign look as it does today? Drawing on a wealth of research and featuring more than one hundred color photographs, *An Illini Place* provides an engrossing and beautiful answer to that question. Lex Tate and John Franch trace the story of the university's evolution through its buildings. Oral histories, official reports, dedication programs, and developmental plans both practical and quixotic inform the story. The authors also provide special chapters on campus icons and on the buildings, arenas and other spaces made possible by donors and friends of the university. Adding to the experience is a web companion that includes profiles of the planners, architects, and presidents instrumental in the campus's growth, plus an illustrated inventory of current and former campus plans and buildings.

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The University of Illinois is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2017 and this book traces the development of the Urbana-Champaign campus through the past 150 years. It is not a history of the University per se but concentrates on the development of the campus and the people who were

most responsible for that development. The book is well researched but covers its subject in a concise manner. As a U of I graduate from the 1960's, I had not kept up with much of the recent development despite annual visits to campus. The UIUC campus has grown tremendously since my days with enrollment nearly doubling, and getting around to see it all would require several days. I always have been curious about the names of the various buildings and this book answers my questions. The first part is chronological and there are chapters entitled "The Neighborhood," which tells about Campustown, and "Gifts and Givers" tells who donated toward the construction of many of the recent additions. There are over 400,000 living U of I alumni and I think many of them would enjoy this book. There are many historical photos as well as color photos from recent years. The "Icons" chapter would serve as great introduction to campus for an incoming student or faculty member.

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