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William G. Grierson (1923-2001) was an award-winning architect responsible for the design of schools, including the Toronto French School, and corporate projects, such as the Northwood Pulp and Timber Office in Prince George, British Columbia.

He was also a well-known residential architect who designed houses in the Toronto area and cottages in Georgian Bay and other locations in Ontario. In 2015 the Canadian Architectural Archives in Calgary acquired Grierson's complete archive of architectural drawings, a testament to the importance of his work.

Focusing on twelve Grierson-designed buildings, this book provides a description of each work illustrated with photographs and drawings. The text sheds light on how his ideas and beliefs - far ahead of his time in responding to the environment - translated into the architectural works that he created throughout his career.

Written by architect Joan Grierson and writer Alex Champlin, with an Introduction by David Sisam, who is a Founding Principal, Montgomery Sisam Architects in Toronto. *William Grierson Selected Works* is a 128 page book that includes a Biographical Timeline and is divided into three sections, Cottages, Houses and Institutions. With over 150 colour and black and white photographs as well as more than forty architectural drawings.

"Bill Grierson's architecture was particularly interesting because its qualities were the result of both looking forward and looking back. His look forward resulted in early examples of sustainable design and innovative wood construction, while his look backward reflected his deep understanding of historical Ontario architecture and landscape as well as time-tested construction techniques." - from the Introduction by David Sisam, Montgomery Sisam Architects

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