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The Salone Library is a special project by which the Salone del Mobile.Milano is enriching its role as a cultural catalyst, a center of innovation and planning, as well as an interdisciplinary laboratory where creativity and business life meet. At the 2025 edition, the collection welcomes literary suggestions for the second year and is enriched with 100 new titles. All the titles have been recommended by designers, curators, architects, scholars – the protagonists of the **Cultural Programme of the Salone 2025** – who, by sharing their readings, reveal which works have been their inspiration in their personal and professional journey.

The books collected this year fall into four thematic categories: **Light, Architecture and Perception of Space, Culture, Ecology and Anthropology of the Contemporary, Art and Narrations of Human Experience and Science and Philosophy and Innovation of Thought**. A subdivision that worked rather like a game, putting artificial intelligence to the test in recognising affinities and common trajectories between the books.

Light, Architecture and Perception of Space

A selection that explores the role of light in the built and in the natural environments, covering architecture, landscape, scenography and design. These books explore the way in which light can shape the space, alter perception, highlight the materials and define the atmosphere. Architects, artists and scholars discuss the power of light, across the borders between science, art and function.



Title	Author	Published in	Publisher	Suggested by
1000 Lights	Charlotte & Peter Fiell	2005	Taschen	Nicholas Belfield
Arc en rêve, Centre d'Architecture in Bordeaux	Steven Holl	1994	Birkhäuser Verlag für Architektur	Hervé Descottes
Architecture From Prehistory to Climate Emergency	Barnabas Calder	2022	Pelican	Valeria Segovia
Color Science: Concepts and Methods, Quantitative Data and Formulae	Günter Wyszecki, W. S. Stiles	1982	Wiley-Interscience	Manuel Spitschan
Dan Flavin. Widmungen aus licht	Josef Helfenstein, Olga Osadtschy, Aden Kumler	2024	König	Matilde Cassani
Daylighting: Natural Light in Architecture	Derek Phillips	2004	Architectural Pr	Elisa Orlanski Ours
Des lumières et des ombres	Henri Alekan	2024	Editions de La Table Ronde	Carla Wilkins Hervé Descottes Patrick Rimoux
Dire luce. Una riflessione a due voci sulla luce in scena	Cristina Grazioli, Pasquale Mari	2021	Cue Press	Margherita Palli
James Turrell: Occluded Front	James Turrell, John Coplans	1985	Lapis Pr	Hervé Descottes
James Turrell: The Other Horizon	Daniel Birnbaum, Paul Virilio	1999	Hatje Cantz	Nicholas Belfield
La consistenza della luce. Il pensiero della natura da Goethe a Calvino	Alessandro Carrera	2010	Feltrinelli	Alessandro Valenti
La désobéissance de l'architecte	Renzo Piano	2007	Arléa	Adrien de Lassence
Lampi di luce	Suddhanand Giri	2011	Laksmi	Urmila Chakraborty
Learning From Las Vegas	Robert Venturi	2023	Mit Pr	Adrien de Lassence
Light is the Theme	Louis I. Kahn	1988	Yale University Press	Kaoru Mende
Light Your Life: The Art of using Quality Light for Health and Happiness	Karl Ryberg	2020	Hodder & Stoughton	Marjan van Aubel
Light. Science & Magic: An Introduction to Photographic Lighting	Fil Hunter, Steven Biver, Paul Fuqua	2021	Routledge	Elisa Orlanski Ours
Light: Medicine of the Future	Jacob Liberman	1991	Bear & Company	Elisa Orlanski Ours



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Lighting (Design Centre Publications)	Derek Phillips	1966	Macdonald & Co	Nicholas Belfield
Nanda Vigo. Light is Life	VV.AA Curated by Dominique Stella	2008	Johan & Levi	Matilde Cassani
Nanda Vigo. Light Project	Nanda Vigo	2019	Silvana Editoriale	Matilde Cassani Annalisa Rosso
Nihon no Akari	Curated by Yamagiwa Lighting Art Promotion Association	1974	VV.AA	Kaoru Mende
Perception and Lighting as Formgivers for Architecture	William Lam	1977	McGraw-Hill	Susanna Antico
S,M,L,XL	Rem Koolhaas, Bruce Mau, Hans Werlemann	1994	The Monacelli Press	Rogier van der Heide
Storia della luce	Giulia Fabriani	2024	Saggiatore	Alessandro Valenti
Stretto House	Steven Holl	2010	ADA EDITA TOKIO	Hervé Descottes
The Architecture of Light	Sage Russell	2012	Conceptnine Print Media	Elisa Orlanski Ours
The Art Museums of Louis I. Kahn	Patricia C. Loud	1989	Duke University Press	Hervé Descottes
The Art of Light on Stage: Lighting in Contemporary Theatre	Yaron Abulafia	2016	Taylor & Francis Ltd.	Mariel Fuentes
The Colours of Light	Bruno Munari	2019	Gangemi Editore	Mariel Fuentes
The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times	Michelle Obama	2022	Viking	Elisa Orlanski Ours
The World at Night: Spectacular Photographs of the Night Sky	Babak Tafreshi	2019	White Lion Publishing	Piero Benvenuti
Visual Delight in Architecture	Lisa Heschong	2021	Routledge	Shelley James
Light!	Andreas Blühm, Louise Lippincott	2000	Thames & Hudson	Robert Wilson

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