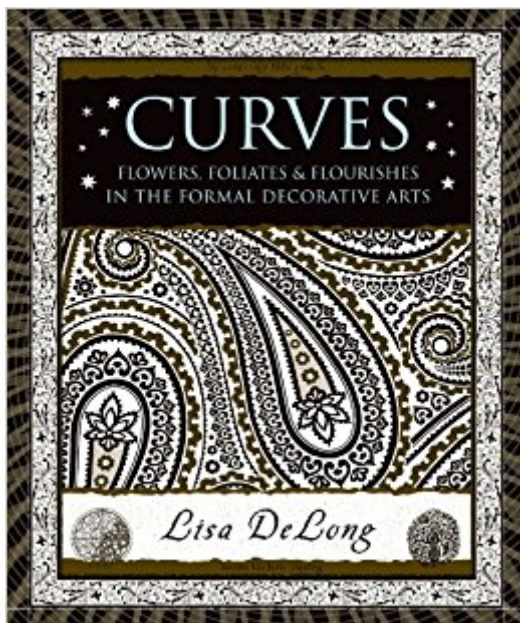


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# Curves (Wooden Books)



## Synopsis

Curves enhance our enjoyment of the visual arts, bringing life into otherwise dull compositions. Stylized plant forms have been used as a key component of decorative ornament for thousands of years. In this beautiful little book, using both rare antique engravings and original graphics, Dr. Lisa DeLong introduces us to many of the secret techniques long used to employ curves in the traditional arts. From arabesques to wallpaper designs, iron railings to penned flourishes, tiles to arches, this book will be an essential companion to any designer.

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• A slim book packed with stunning black-and-white illustrations, it's flush with harmony and rhythm. It is music to the eye. • The New York Times

Lisa DeLong has a Ph.D. in the use of geometry in art. A native of Utah, she works in London and around the world promoting excellence in the traditional arts.

I enjoyed just looking at each illustration and reading the copy. I'll be "reading" the illustrations again. I'll be using some of the art as inspiration for a card I'll be designing for myself. It is missing a lot of the ancient Greek art, which is where many of these designs began, but that's OK. This book doesn't have to have everything in it. There are other books for that.

This is a great little book. My only complaint is that it has been published in tiny print, making it nearly impossible to read without glasses or a magnifying glass. I do hate being reminded that my sight is no longer 20/20!

Curves is not only beautifully organized but fascinating. The history, imagery, and information Ms. DeLong included in this book helps the reader to see past just simple design and appreciate the detailed beauty of ironwork, tiles, or the domes of great cathedrals.

This lovely little volume is packed with a surprisingly dense amount of design information and analysis. An excellent source of inspiration for anyone who loves ornamental design.

This series of books is an excellent design source for ideas and forms. I like the small format. The book itself is a small art work. It helped me see the relationships in paisley curving designs and that was my direction.

great commentary, design, and illustrations.... love this book I learned a lot. Pre-ordered and it was so worth the wait.....

I had hoped to rate this high -- the best Wooden Books are excellent, but alas the series has turned uneven. My two alltime favorites in this series are Q.E.D. and The Golden Section. Others I have enjoyed are ...Perspective...Symmetry...Islamic Design...Ruler and Compass...Mind Tricks...The Miracle of Trees. Each of these runs c 55 pages, many of which feature artful, gray illustrations; but these are not books for young children. My advice is...try one whose title appeals; let that guide you.

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