



# Rietveld Schröder House

## A Biography of the House

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- Celebrating the centennial of one of the most iconic houses in architecture history and the dynamic partnership between Rietveld and Schröder, portraying them as an architect-duo. Book designed by Irma Boom
- Published to accompany the anniversary of the iconic Rietveld Schröderhuis in 2024-2025. The centennial marks a pivotal moment in architectural history. To honor this milestone, the Centraal Museum Utrecht is set to host a remarkable exhibition throughout 2025

**Rietveld Schröder House: A Biography of the House** tells the story of the iconic house and its creators, Truus Schröder (1889–1985) and Gerrit Rietveld (1888–1964). The construction of the house, the designs by 'Schröder & Rietveld Architects', the war years, the renovations and the many family parties: this richly illustrated publication builds up a picture of the colorful life of the idiosyncratic Rietveld Schröder House.

In addition to many previously unpublished photographs, drawings, designs and letters, the book provides in-depth insight into Rietveld and Schröder's collaboration and their shared ambition to radically change traditional (interior) architecture. The research by authors Natalie Dubois and Jessica van Geel also convincingly shows that Truus Schröder's role was far greater than previously assumed. As a gifted designer, Schröder was much more than Gerrit Rietveld's 'muse'. Her creative vision proved crucial to their joint projects.

With its bespoke design by Irma Boom, this publication is a tribute to the world-famous house built in 1924 that continues to inspire today. **Rietveld Schröder House: A Biography of the House** is an accessible and essential reference work for lovers of modern architecture, art history and revolutionary daring.

This publication coincides with the centenary of the Rietveld Schröder House, and is issued in collaboration with Centraal Museum Utrecht.

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Afbeelding van Rietveld Schröderhuis – aanzicht tussen bomen door, 1925 uit het zuiden, met kale boompjes – Collectie Centraal Museum Utrecht / Rietveld Schröderarchief

Interieur verdieping, ingeschoven schuifwand woonhoek 1925 afdruk – Collectie Centraal Museum Utrecht / Rietveld Schröderarchief © Pictoright

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