



## Barns of St Croix Valley

### An Architect's Sketchbook

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- This is a history of farming and barn architecture in the St Croix River Valley masquerading as a coffee table book with 200 captioned sketches, maps and diagrams
- Illustrated with 200 barn sketches, diagrams, and maps, this book unlocks the colourful history of the St Croix River Valley as well as vernacular barn architecture
- Each page has a captioned sketches and text focusing on regional settlers, the barns they built, and the big changes influencing farming and barn building in the 100 years between 1860 and 1960

Illustrated with 200 barn sketches, diagrams, and maps, this book takes you on a journey through the St Croix River Valley. It grounds you in the geography, geology and biology of the region and introduces you to its original inhabitants, the Dakota and Ojibwe peoples, European explorers, fur traders and loggers and the settlers that followed them. It is a celebration of regional diversity and architectural expression through a single type of building — the barn.

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