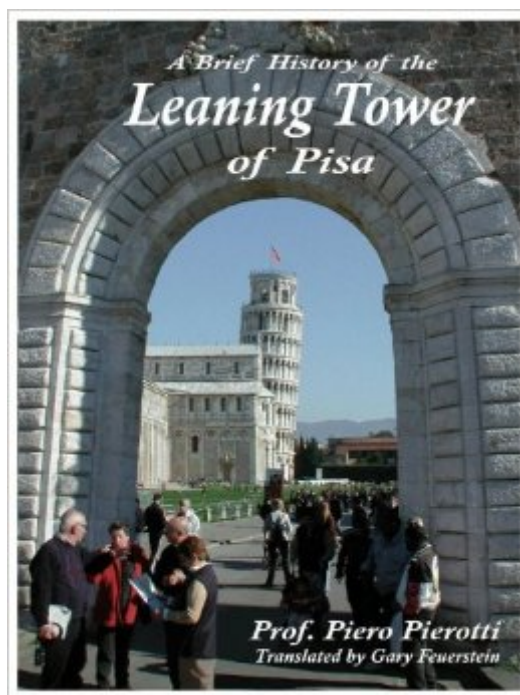


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A Brief History Of The Leaning Tower Of Pisa



Synopsis

A BRIEF HISTORY of the LEANING TOWER of PISA Author: Professor Piero Pierotti, English Translation by Gary Feuerstein General Overview This book is a history of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, written by Piero Pierotti , a professor of Art and Architectural history at the University of Pisa. Prof., Pierotti has spent a good portion of his career documenting the history and enriching the meaning of the Tower relative to contemporary issues. With permission of the author and publisher, the book has now been translated from the Italian, and is ready for publication. BRIEF HISTORY of the LEANING TOWER of PISA is about 26,500 words, includes 40 images, graphics and details of the tower. This history covers the 830 years since the initiation of construction in 1173. It resolves the question of the Architect, expands the meaning and architectural context of the Tower, develops the circumstances the led to the absurdity of the lean, and elaborates on the foibles surrounding the efforts to correct the lean, including a blunder in 1995 under the supervision of a team of world renowned experts?that very nearly toppled the fragile structure. The professor also provides first hand insight to the events leading to the close of the Tower in 1990, its turbulent recovery over an 11 year period, and the events and characters that contributed to the success of the corrective measures to save the Tower. This history is written by one who is uniquely qualified to interpret the importance of the Tower historically, architecturally, and culturally on both a local and international level. Among his other academic publications, this is the professor s second book on the Tower, the first one entitled, How not to Save the Tower? which set the tone for a decade of ultimately successful renovation.

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Wonderful history and pictures of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. I had been wanting a book on its history after I had seen it and walked through its winding stairway. And especially now after its restoration. To learn about the Tower from its beginning, how it began to lean, and its restoration to prevent further leaning makes this book a wonderful history plus excellent photography of The Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The book leads the reader through the highlights of this unique and colorful monument. From the fascinating perfection of the tower's 12th century dimensions to the haphazard, but ultimately successful, 21st century restoration, the Tower is presented as a world treasure often embroiled in misunderstanding and conflict. Professor Pierotti, the Tower's most prolific guardian, identifies the likely architect of the Tower, explains the significance throughout its 800 year life, surveys the cause and impact of its lean, and itemizes the characters and events that make up its history. The book is illustrated with contemporary and historical graphics.

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