

# Original Designs For New York Greatest Treasure

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But what many people don't know is that the Statue of Liberty was not always the way it is today. In fact, there were several different designs for the statue before the final one was chosen.

This book presents the original designs for the Statue of Liberty. The book includes detailed drawings and plans, as well as historical context and commentary. It is a must-have for anyone interested in the history of New York City or the Statue of Liberty.

## The Early Designs

The first design for the Statue of Liberty was created by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi in 1870. Bartholdi's design was for a colossal statue of a woman holding a torch aloft. The statue was to be made of copper and would stand on a pedestal in New York Harbor.

However, Bartholdi's design was not without its critics. Some people thought that the statue was too large and that it would be too expensive to build. Others thought that the statue was too political and that it would be a symbol of French imperialism.

In 1875, Bartholdi revised his design. He made the statue smaller and he changed the torch to a book. He also added a crown to the statue's head.

The revised design was more popular than the original, but it was still not without its critics. Some people thought that the statue was still too large and that it would be too expensive to build. Others thought that the statue was too political and that it would be a symbol of French imperialism.

## **The Final Design**

In 1876, Bartholdi submitted his final design for the Statue of Liberty. The final design was smaller than the previous designs, and it was made of copper instead of bronze. The statue was also given a more classical look, with a flowing robe and a laurel wreath on her head.

The final design was approved by the United States government, and the statue was built and dedicated in 1886.

## **The Legacy of the Statue of Liberty**

The Statue of Liberty is one of the most iconic landmarks in the world. It is a symbol of freedom and democracy, and it has welcomed millions of immigrants to the United States.

The Statue of Liberty is also a reminder of the importance of art and design. The statue is a work of art, and it has inspired people all over the world.

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