Unity Temple: Frank Lloyd Wright and Architecture for Liberal Religion is the first comprehensive study of one of the seminal works of America’s most renowned twentieth-century architect. In this study, Joseph Siry examines Unity Temple in light of Wright’s earlier religious architecture, his methods of design, and his innovative construction techniques, particularly the use of reinforced concrete, which he here explored and expressively deployed for the first time. Siry also sets Unity Temple against the tradition of the liberal Unitarian and Univeralist religious culture, the institutional history of the Oak Park congregation that commissioned the building, and the social context in which the structure was conceived and built. Throughout, Unity Temple is treated as a work of art that embodies both Wright’s theory of architecture and liberal religious ideals.
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To my family
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