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Walter Burley Griffin (1876–1937) was a distinguished American architect, landscape architect, and town planner. Influenced by Chicago’s Prairie School, he was an early colleague and employee of Frank Lloyd Wright. His work attracted worldwide attention in 1912 when he won the international competition to design a new capital city for Australia.

Griffin was also a prolific lecturer and writer on architecture and design. This collection brings together for the first time all of Griffin’s known writings in a single volume. In total, 71 pieces of writing have been thematically categorised under ten headings to reflect the variety and interrelations of his professional interests: Canberra; Town and Campus Planning; Residential Communities; Designing the House; Building the House; Landscape Architecture; Public Buildings; India; Architecture and Politics; and the Future of Architecture. At a time when Griffin’s design for Canberra has attracted renewed attention, this canon of his work provides unparalleled access to the thought of one of modernist architecture’s leading figures. Griffin’s writings shed new light on the theories and aims of modernism itself.

‘Of all the architects of the Prairie School who were practicing at the turn of the century, only three stayed loyal to their ideals and fought to their dying days for their personal visions of modern architecture. Two of them – Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright – have been immortalized among the legion of great architects. It is time to accord Walter Burley Griffin a place near them.’ (Paul Kruty, Professor of Architectural History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

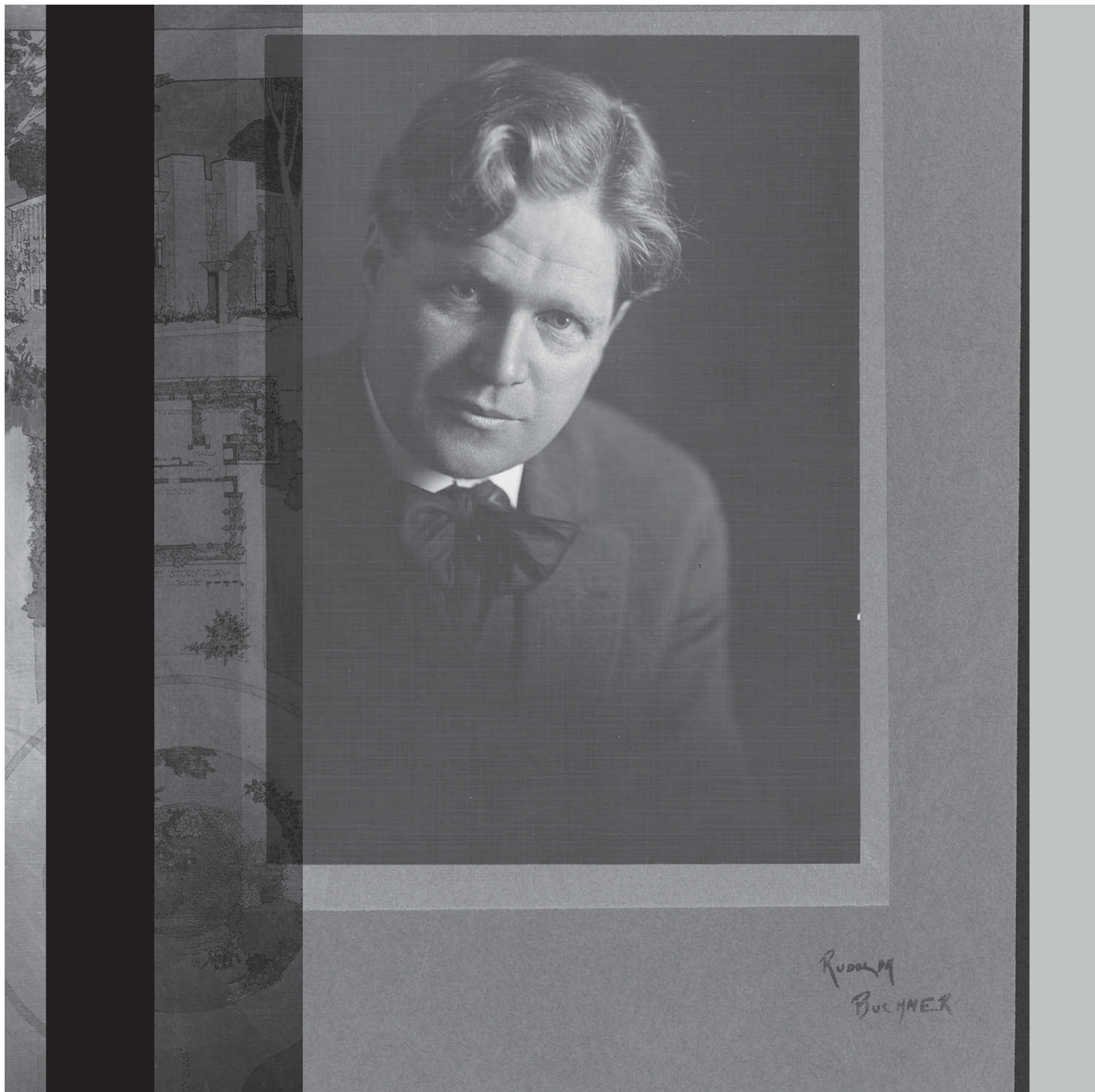


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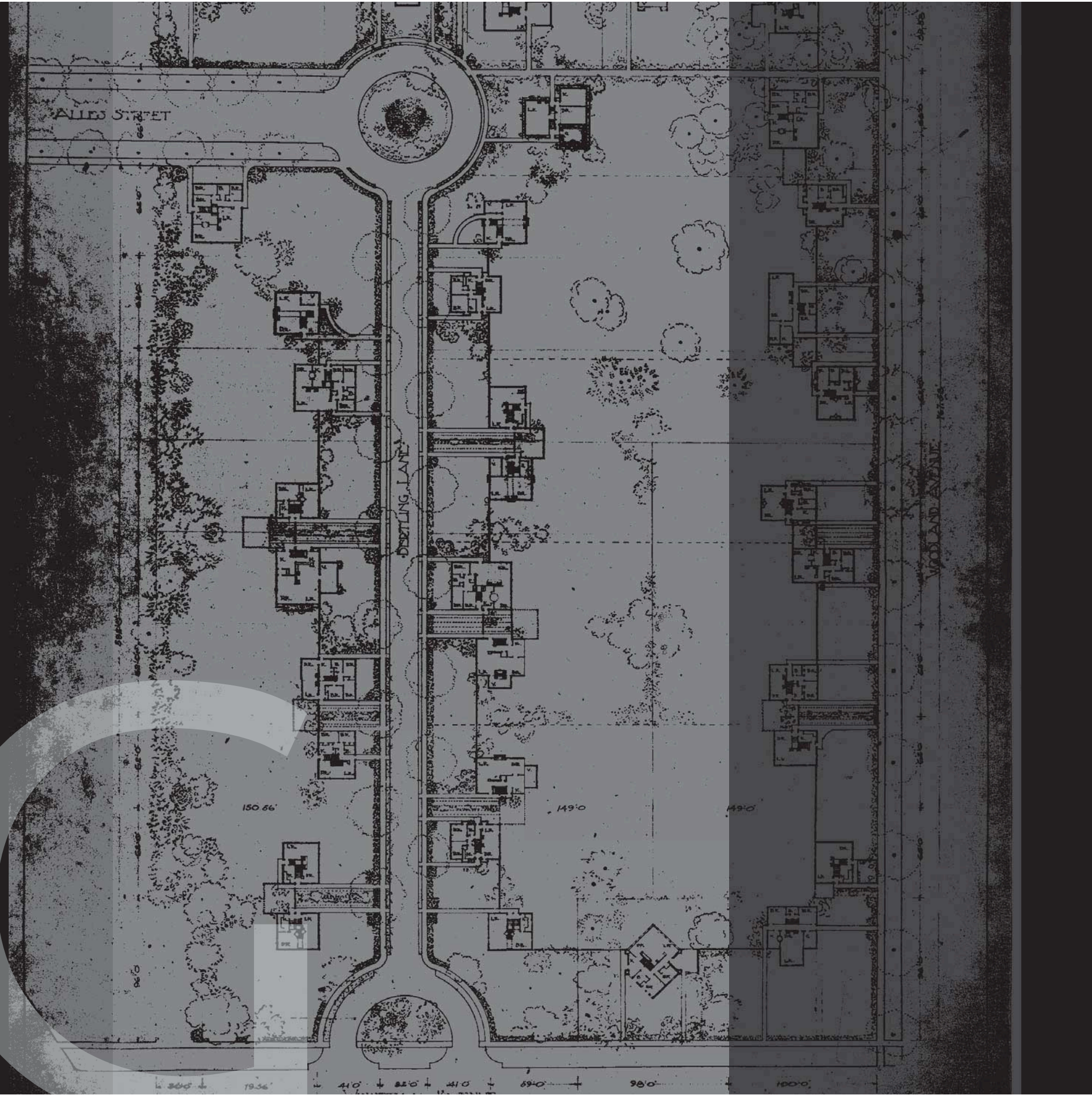
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