

# Renzo Piano

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Feds, Parks, Childhood, Block, Beautiful, Empty, Remember, Technology,  
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One of the great beauties of architecture is that each time, it is like life starting all over again.

~Renzo Piano

You can put down a bad book; you can avoid listening to bad music; but you cannot miss the ugly tower block opposite your house.

~Renzo Piano

Light has not just intensity, but also a vibration, which is capable of roughening a smooth material, of giving a three-dimensional quality to a flat surface.

~Renzo Piano

Architects spend an entire life with this unreasonable idea that you can fight against gravity.

~Renzo Piano

If you have total freedom, then you are in trouble. It's much better when you have some obligation, some discipline, some rules. When you have no rules, then you start to build your own rules.

~Renzo Piano

Architects have to dream, we have to search for our Atlantises, to be explorers, adventurers, and yet to build responsibly and well.

~Renzo Piano

When a man is not satisfied with a house where he lives, he becomes an architect

~Renzo Piano

Architecture is art, but art vastly contaminated by many other things. Contaminated in the best sense of the word - fed, fertilised by many things.

~Renzo Piano

You have to accept as an architect to be exposed to criticism.  
Architecture should not rely on full harmony

~Renzo Piano

A museum is a place where one should lose one's head.

~Renzo Piano

Architecture is an imposed art in some ways, imposed upon the public, so people must be sure about what you're doing. You have to be sure about what you're doing.

~Renzo Piano

Knowing how to do things not just with the head, but with the hands as well: this might seem a programmatic and ideological goal. It is not. It is a way of safeguarding creative freedom.

~Renzo Piano

A builder is like a little god - somebody who does things, doesn't just draw things.

~Renzo Piano

I don't remember a single thing in my childhood that was not related in some way to building.

~Renzo Piano

My inspiration came from the land, ... and, of course, from Paul Klee . . . and the poetics of his paintings.

~Renzo Piano

When you walk 25-30 feet above ground, it is a miracle, because you are still in the city ... but you are flying above the city. You are in the middle of trees, and that is a moment of beauty.

~Renzo Piano

London is one of the most civilised places in the world for the procedure of making architecture and urban design.

~Renzo Piano

A piazza is not a plaza. The plaza is the theme park of the piazza; the plaza is the commercial version. A piazza is an empty space with no function. This is what Europeans understand.

~Renzo Piano

Every year I spend one month just sailing, but I still work when I'm on the boat. You never separate work from leisure. A boat is like a magic world, like a little island.

~Renzo Piano

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