



## Jane's Walk NYC Celebrating Jane Jacobs and New York City

Join us May 3-9 for Jane's Walk 2021! This annual event is a global festival of free, volunteer-led, neighborhood walks that generate conversation about the city and celebrate its vibrant past, present, and future. **While Jane's Walk is traditionally an in-person festival of guided walks, activities in 2021 will be virtual and self-guided due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Looking for inspiration? Check out the below book titles to get started!

### Jane's Walk Reading List

- *Jane Jacobs: Urban Visionary* by Alice Sparburg Alexiou
- *Ideas that Matter: The Worlds of Jane Jacobs* by Max Allen
- *The Walker: On Finding and Losing Yourself in the Modern City* by Matthew Beaumont
- *My City, My New York: Famous New Yorkers Share Their Favorite Places* by Jeryl Brunner
- *Oddball New York: From Avenue A to Z* by Lindley Farley
- *Wrestling with Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took on New York's Master Builder and Transformed the American City* by Anthony Flint
- *What We See: Advancing the Observations of Jane Jacobs* by Stephen A. Goldsmith
- *The Battle for Gotham: New York in the Shadow of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs* by Roberta Brandes Gratz
- *Walking in the City with Jane: A Story of Jane Jacobs* by Susan Hughes
- *Jane Jacobs' Legacy: Science of and Love for the Creative City* by Dany Jacobs
- *Dark Age Ahead* by Jane Jacobs
- *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* by Jane Jacobs
- *Subwayland: Adventures in the World Beneath New York* by Randy Kennedy
- *Genius of Common Sense: Jane Jacobs and the Story of the Death and Life of Great American Cities* by Glenna Lang
- *Block by Block: Jane Jacobs and the Future of New York* by Timothy Mennel
- *Reconsidering Jane Jacobs* by Max Page
- *Oasis y Vitruvius Transformacion Espacio Publico en Nueva York* by Ana Morcillo Pallares
- *Hidden New York: A Guide to Places that Matter* by Marci Reaven and Stevie Zeitlin
- *Secret New York* by T.M. Rives
- *The Walkable City: From Haussman's Boulevards to Jane Jacobs' Streets and Beyond* by Mary Soderstrom
- *Creating Walkable Places* by Adrienne Schmitz and Jason Scully
- *Who the Hell is Jane Jacobs...and What Are Her Theories All About?* by Deborah Talbot

[Check out NYPL's 125 NYC Books We Love](#)

Consult your local library for recommendations based on your Jane's Walk topic. Or visit the Greenacre Reference Library and MAS Archives at <https://www.mas.org/greenacre>, open for inquiries/research assistance (closed for in-person visits). Contact Erin Butler, [ebutler@mas.org](mailto:ebutler@mas.org), (212) 935-3960 x1274. For more ideas, go to <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/MAS-GreenacreLibrary>. In upper left, select "All Collections" or "Jane's Walk 2021."

## WHAT IS MAS?

For more than 125 years, the Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) has lifted up the voices of the people in the debates that shape New York's built environment, leading the way toward a more livable city from sidewalk to skyline. In addition to organizing Jane's Walk, we advocate on planning, preservation, and policy issues that shape New York's built environment and offer many public programs and walking tours throughout the year.

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## WHO WAS JANE JACOBS?

Jane Jacobs was a famous urban activist and writer who lived from 1916-2006. She is best known for galvanizing New Yorkers to stop Robert Moses' project that would have built an expressway through Greenwich Village. She believed in the power of individuals to influence their city. Today, her principles represent the participatory planning approaches that have been embraced in communities around the world.