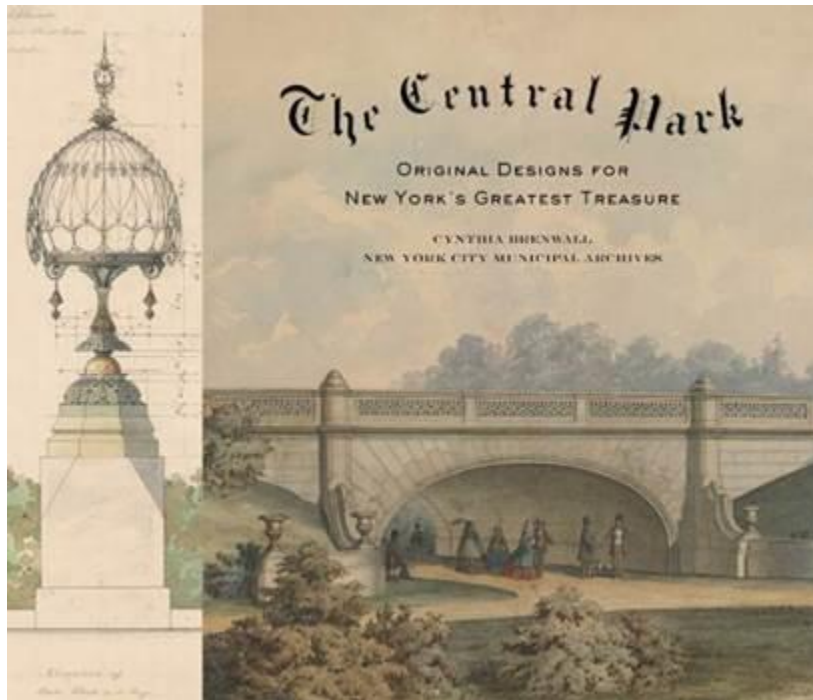


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Authored by Cynthia S. Brenwall, a Municipal Archives conservator, with a forward by architecture critic Martin Filler, *The Central Park, Original Designs for New York's Greatest Treasure*, is available at bookstores throughout the city and on-line. The price is \$50.00.

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