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Adams, partner at AdamsMorioka in Beverly Hills and president of AIGA, the professional association for design, has compiled an evocative volume that pulls together the work of top international design firms, focusing on their approaches to logos and identity. Space is allotted to one or more of the chief members of each firm for a succinct overview of the underlying design philosophy driving projects. The text becomes somewhat repetitious with minor variations on generally agreed-upon principles; however, the approaches used in dealing with clients and the changes in design viewpoints to address newer technologies will be of interest to students and those new to the field. The numerous, striking illustrations make up the heart of the book, and seeing the evolution of such familiar icons as the NBC peacock alongside dozens of equally compelling designs brings home the point that the successful simplicity and memorable quality of a design for which all these firms strive are often hard won. Recommended for any library with an interest in graphic design or the graphic arts. -- Library Journal, Nov 1, 2008

About the Author

Sean Adams is the Executive Director of the Graphic Design Graduate Program at ArtCenter, founder of Burning Settlers Cabin studio, and on-screen author for lynda.com/Linked In. He is the only two term AIGA national president in AIGA's 100-year history. In 2014, Adams was awarded the AIGA Medal, the highest honor in the profession.

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Previously, Adams was a founding partner at AdamsMorioka. His clients have included the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Disney, Mohawk Fine Papers, the Metropolitan Opera, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Richard Meier & Partners, Sundance, and the University of Southern California.

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