

Olmsted Biographies and Career Frederick Law Olmsted has been described as one of the most complex and influential figures to emerge from the 19th century. It's no wonder that many authors have attempted to penetrate his life and enduring legacy. Over the last 150 years, Olmsted's multi-faceted life has spawned numerous biographies and other publications which explore a wide array of topics.

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