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- \* Cast iron technology. We explore why cast iron was the ideal choice for the facades of merchants' "store and loft" buildings.

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## FROM THE AUTHORS

As long-time residents of TriBeCa, we have created a guidebook that is deeply personal and inspires tourists and locals to look up and discover a unique asset of downtown Manhattan. With our guide, readers will come to appreciate the history and stylistic principles that gave form to New York's magnificent cast iron building

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