The Farnsworth House is located in Plano, Illinois, 60 miles west of Chicago. The house sits on the bank of the Fox River. Although the house is situated on raised columns, it has suffered serious water damage due to seasonal flooding of the river.
The Farnsworth House contains many of Van Der Rohe's iconic furniture designs, including the Barcelona chair.

Although Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe, the architect of the Farnsworth House, was romantically involved with Edith Farnsworth, their business partnership eventually dissolved. Farnsworth was not satisfied with the functionality of the design and therefore refused to pay Van Der Rohe. Van Der Rohe in turn sued Farnsworth for unpaid bills and the court case saying she had been overcharged. In the end, Van Der Rohe won the court case and was awarded his commission.

Philip Johnson was so awed by Van Der Rohe's proposed ideas for the Farnsworth House that he began to design his own glass-walled house, simply called the Glass House.