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Understanding Architecture: An Introduction To Architecture And Architectural History



Synopsis

Â A comprehensive introduction to architecture and architectural history and exceptional in its approach, this book explores architecture as a current practice in relation to history and in relation to the wider context of cultures, conservation and the environment. This new edition brings in the new emphasis on sustainability, urbanism, urban regeneration and cultural identity, in order to take a holistic approach to the subject of architecture.Â Highly illustrated,Â this book enables the reader to make sense of the experience of architecture and the built environment by understanding more about the form, construction, meaning and history of the subject.

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I purchased this as a textbook, but after reading it cover-to-cover I would absolutely recommend it for the layperson with a curiosity about architecture. It explains in not-too-much detail the basic concepts of architecture, without overwhelming the reader with technical jargon (and for the little jargon that is included, there is a nice glossary in the back). I never thought an overview of the materials used to build structures through the last few centuries would be this interesting, nor a discussion of how important light actually is in a space. If you can find it for cheap, I say it would make a great gift for the adult or (even high schooler) with a budding interest in architecture!

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