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Purchased for an architectural history class in college, while I didn't need ti much for the class, the book is really easy to use (just like any other dictionary) and very explanatory in its definitions.

This book is quite useful throughout your entire career. You can look up words in it like a dictionary or read it like a book just to widen your vocabulary on architecture. By using the exact vocabulary, your speech and writings will sound more professional and convey the message precisely.

The thoroughgoing content of the this resource is limited by the difficulty in reading it--notably the point size of the the print. Surely the format could be modified to make it easier to use.

I would have liked it to be more objective and less judgemental in places. It's possible to do so and still convey the message that a design or an artist was over rated or not very good. But, this is only the case in some instances. I love rounded corners and the design and soft texture of the cover. A few more line illustrations and contextural outlines would also be nice. A good reference to have if you enjoy art and architecture or if you travel.

This book is useful for those who wants to know about architecture in general. It contains graphic to support the info. If u need more specific info, you can find other sources for detail.

The copy I received had a different cover and was a little worn despite the description, but the content on the pages is identical so overall I was satisfied with this purchase.

An excellent companion to James Stevens Curl's Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (Oxford University Press). A copy should be on every reference shelf.

This book has all the right information in it to facilitate the young architecture nerd's mind, as well as the continuing education for architects.

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