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The Future Of Architecture In 100 Buildings (TED Books)



Synopsis

The founder of Architizer.com and practicing architect draws on his unique position at the crossroads of architecture and social media to highlight 100 important buildings that embody the future of architecture. We're asking more of architecture than ever before; the response will define our future. A pavilion made from paper. A building that eats smog. An inflatable concert hall. A research lab that can walk through snow. We're entering a new age in architecture—one where we expect our buildings to deliver far more than just shelter. We want buildings that inspire us while helping the environment; buildings that delight our senses while serving the needs of a community; buildings made possible both by new technology and repurposed materials. Like an architectural cabinet of wonders, this book collects the most innovative buildings of today and tomorrow. The buildings hail from all seven continents (to say nothing of other planets), offering a truly global perspective on what lies ahead. Each page captures the soaring confidence, the thoughtful intelligence, the space-age wonder, and at times the sheer whimsy of the world's most inspired buildings—and the questions they provoke: Can a building breathe? Can a skyscraper be built in a day? Can we 3D-print a house? Can we live on the moon? Filled with gorgeous imagery and witty insight, this book is an essential and delightful guide to the future being built around us—a future that matters more, and to more of us, than ever.

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Customer Reviews

The author paints an interesting picture of what the future of architecture could look like if people

demand more. The pocket sized book is filled with a series of thought provoking questions paired with beautiful architectural photography of projects from across the world. Loved it!

Such an entertaining and educational read! Was excited about this book after seeing Marc's TED talk. Great for people well versed in architecture or those who are totally new to it; also perfect gifting size.

This is a delightful little book featuring a wide variety of innovative ideas in architecture. Most of the buildings actually exist, a few are concept drawings. A wide range of styles and scales and functions are represented. If you enjoy fresh ideas in architecture then you can spend an afternoon very pleasantly by sitting outside on a sunny day savoring these pictures and ideas (or inside by a warm fire if you purchase in winter). The buildings are organized by theme: Extreme Locations (the arctic, mountain tops, very remote places, etc) Reinvention (buildings or building materials creatively repurposed) Get Better (buildings that can impact health and spirit) Pop-Up (tents and pillars) Shape-Shifters (buildings with unusual shapes) Drive (buildings related to cars) Nature Building (buildings which blend with nature or intertwine with nature) Shelter From the Storm (buildings related to climate change adaptation) Shrink (very small buildings) Social Catalysts (community and public spaces) Fast Forward (futuristic demos and concepts) There is a thumbnail index which can help you quickly find a particular building. Each building is clearly identified, in case you want to research it further, and a short description is given together with a question which the author thinks the building raises and/or answers. Very nicely done.

I really enjoyed the book, insightful and full of architectural eye candy from both high profile and unknown design firms.

Great book , it was a gift for my son who study his third year at the School of Achitecture of the University of Puerto Rico. There he had visited as part of the summer program: Peru, Paris, Barcelona & Londres. I recomend the book.

I love it. Great thoughts by the writer, who knows how to put the finger on the very true essence of each building and the question it represents, from 1 to 100, all are sharp, great, inspiring...and by doing so he succeeds to show how the field of architecture is so amazing. Bravo.

got this for my son as he is considering becoming an architect in the future. It has a lot of new ideas we have not yet seen.

Great book though I would have liked to see more written about each building.

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