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# On Architecture: Collected Reflections On A Century Of Change



## Synopsis

For more than half a century, Ada Louise Huxtable's keen eye and vivid writing have reinforced to readers how important architecture is and why it continues to be both controversial and fascinating - making her one of the best-known critics in the world. *On Architecture* collects the best of Huxtable's writing from the New York Times, New York Review of Books, Wall Street Journal, and her various books. In these selections, Huxtable examines the 20th century's most important architectural masters and projects, cataloging the seismic shifts in style, function, and fashion that have led to the dramatic new architecture of the 21st century.

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Ms. Huxtable's informed and thoughtful writing was a pleasure to read. Her thorough understanding of the subject allowed her writing to be topical when it was contemporary, and viewed over the span of years: her assessments remarkably accurate and true to a well formed sense of the value of architecture and its role in our culture. I grew up as a student and then a practicing professional architect reading many of these reviews, Reading this material now put into context and perspective many of the issues, developments and debates we have been participating in as a culture and profession.

Informative, insightful, and opinionated. A must read to be informed about modern and post modern architecture.

Remarkably well written. The superior writing is as entertaining as the wonderful insights about the subject. Exceptionally intelligent criticism.. .

I have always been a fan of ALH and its great to get these reviews all in one place and as an added bonus they provide an ad-hoc guide to great architecture in New York and the other cities.

I haven't a clue, but I want this request to review the product to go away so again I'm writing. Like I said on other things this was on someone's list and I bought it as a gift. It arrived in good condition if that helps.

I ordered this book after hearing the author discussing it on NPR. I gave it to my friend who is interested in architecture. We looked at it together, and she seemed very pleased. I was disappointed that there were not more pictures of the buildings discussed. I think there is another book that costs a lot more and perhaps has the pictures. This was expensive enough, so I didn't order the other one.

My husband, the architect, and I have both found this book to be highly informative and, often, quite amusing. Ms Huxtable is so knowledgeable and wise, and explains things so that the average lay person GETS her criticisms. She does not cower before giants.

Excellent summary of 20th century architecture and architects by an intelligent, insightful, and knowledgeable author-student, commentator of architecture. Fascinating!

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