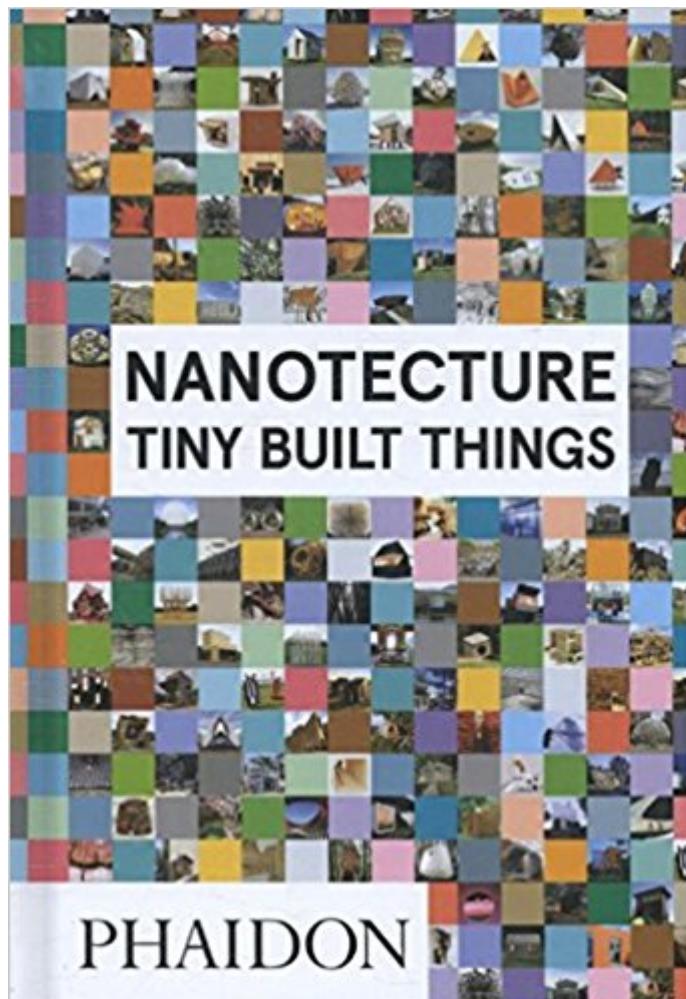


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Rebecca Roke has contributed to more than 350 published works about architecture and design, drawing on her architectural background and extensive experience writing, editing, researching and teaching. She has written widely about the work of leading practitioners, such as Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, Thomas Heatherwick, Rem Koolhaas and Hella Jongerius. Rebecca was editor of Monument magazine in Australia and for Foster + Partners in London, and was the London Correspondent for Inside Interior Review. Roke is based in London and Nanotecture is her first book.

Wonderfully fun book. It is SMALL though, which I understand because it is about tiny things. If the book were a little larger with BIGGER text, it would be easier to read. The pictures are great fun. Not everything in it is tiny, but everything is interesting.

If you are interested in architecture, but small scale, this is a good book to look at. I like the organization by material and the description are simple and yet enough to understand the concept.

A small book packed with wonderful designs. The creative solutions for the homeless are alone worth the price of the book. I'm about to order 2 more for friends.

Very interesting what people can design.

Or as the Genie in Disney's Aladdin might have said, "Tremendous Creative Powers.... itty bitty living space." There's something comforting about small spaces that draw us in. This tiny book is a compilation of some 300 highly innovative ideas of small scale construction, some as small as animal shelters, others suitable for living in harmony with nature or fitting in with the urban landscape. Some are simply nooks and crannies that carve out private spaces to read, relax or unobtrusively view the world outside. I mostly liked the organization of the book. Each structure is given a single page dominated by a photograph accompanied by a short description indicating its location, architect, year and purpose. One or two colored iconic patches indicate the construction materials used. There is a lookup table on page 13 of this book which was cute but unless you would be using the book constantly as a reference, most readers wouldn't, a schema I found slightly distracting and not as helpful as the author intended. A text description could have been used. The 5 chapters divide the buildings in a sensible way by scale from micro to maxi. As a source of ideas and inspiration I really liked this book. Its small size makes it both a nice gift and easily displayable, especially if you don't have a lot of room to display - which ties in nicely with the theme of the book.

Interesting pictures but not very fulfilling on the content. I was quite disappointed.

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