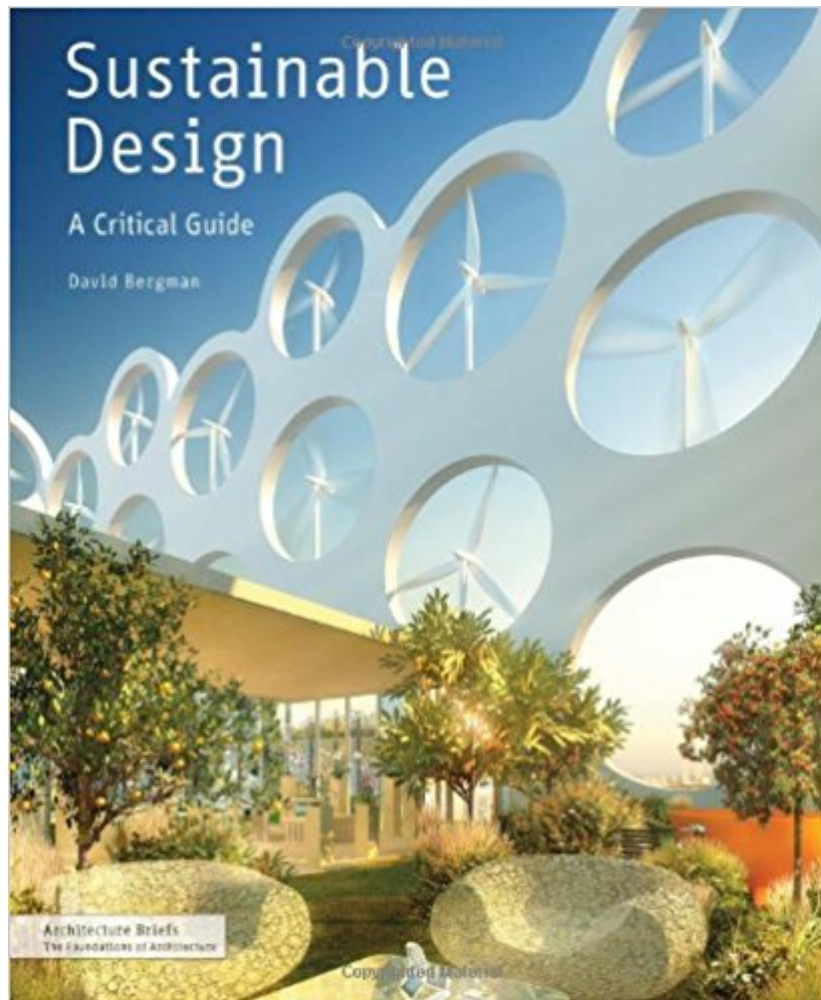


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# Sustainable Design: A Critical Guide (Architecture Briefs)



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Written for students and practitioners in the fields of architecture and interior design, our new Architecture Brief Sustainable Design provides a concise overview of all the techniques available for reducing the energy footprint of structures and spaces. With clear, simple language and a practical "can do" approach, author David Bergman covers everything from the profession's ethical responsibility, to design structures and spaces that sustain our natural resources, to specific considerations such as rainwater harvesting, graywater recycling, passive heating techniques, solar orientation, green roofs, wind energy, daylighting, indoor air quality, material evaluation and specification, and how to work with green building certification programs.

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This is not a book written from a hard core environmentalist philosophy but a very practical and pragmatic approach to designing, building and living in an environment which contains a limited amount of resource. With this in mind Bergman focuses on sustainability as an underlying philosophy behind all design, material and construction decisions and rethinking our entire life strategies in a very positive and optimistic way showing how the future is full of hope and possibilities, this is not a doom and gloom shock story like "An Inconvenient Truth". While the target audience is architectural professionals and students this book will appeal to anybody who wants to get below the surface veneer of fashionable environmentalism and look at effective ways of dealing

with these critical issues.

You can breeze through this instructional brief in one sitting, making it suitable for a student with a very busy schedule like me. Decent content, but the author only devotes a part of one page to Dark Skies, which is a disappointment. He does far enough into passive and active building designs to allow good conversation at an architect's dinner party, but not much hard science. Worth a read, even if you're not a student.

This book is a fair introduction into the world of Sustainable Design, for those considering delving into that field either professionally or otherwise. I think it is less than 100 pages, with lots of pictures and diagrams to maintain interest. Would make a nice gift for someone interested in "green" things in the modern age.

Concise and practical book. Highly recommended for any student and researcher on the subject.

While this little book is aimed at architectural students and professionals, I presume, it is of considerable interest to the involved layman who is concerned about the environment and interested in architecture and design. I really recommend it, though some may be put off by the concentration towards those who will actually be planning and designing our future.

Needed it for school. Intuitive and enlightening, learned a lot out of this book.

Simple reading and very good graphics.

Good General read for those who want to read more about green architectural design.

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