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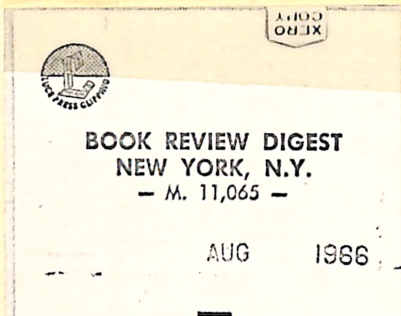


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The following notice appeared in:



BOYD, ROBIN. The puzzle of architecture. 188p il \$12.50 Cambridge 724.9 Architecture, Modern—20th century 65-25314

The author, an Australian, "has taught and written ... on architecture over a number of years. ... In this book he brings together and amplifies a number of ideas which he had previously published in the Architectural Review and in Harper's Magazine [in order to] ... explain the present condition of world architecture, its immediate background, and what he feels will be its future development." (Library J) Index.

"I must recommend that every architect read every word. ... To narrow my recommendation, read [the outline of] ... the Third Phase. ... [From this point], Boyd moralizes. Perhaps this is most important but not to this reviewer. I believe architecture, even present architecture, just happens. ... First, Second, Third Phase, all can be good (or bad). History will tell. There are a few annoying things about Boyd's book. Being a collection of essays, the point of view shifts uncomfortably from section to section. ... Small price, however, to pay for the insights, the appreciative vignettes, the basic rightness of his story. The drawings accompanying the text are by the author and are intended only to recall the buildings to the educated reader. ... Postage stamp size photographs would surely have done as well." Philip Johnson Arch Forum 124:72 Je '66 2050w

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