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Robin Boyd  
"THE PUZZLE OF ARCHITECTURE"  
(M.U.P.) 65s.

Many of the themes in Robin Boyd's new book are reprinted from pieces in *Harpers* and *Architectural Review*. Boyd has exhausted the theme of Australian taste and architectural purpose and has gone over to the field of international ideas and first principles.

His theme is the struggle of architects to find styles proper to the contemporary world and then to find answers to the problems posed by technology and materials.

Boyd is a creative thinker and he surveys the contemporary field with wit, wisdom and occasionally hot involvement in the vices of those styles he believes to be inept.

But allowing Boyd's qualities in full, the book turns out to be what in fact it is—an anthology of gifted magazine pieces.

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