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Still reading, but this is a classic, must read for any aspiring modernist designer. Giedion was a force to be reckoned with.

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## Pouriya Parsa says

A comprehensive history of modern architecture and the best one to gain an overview of the style.

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## Anthony Caicco says

This guy is so important its sick... A must read.

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## Jarroddrainque says

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## Duane says

Rereading this - it was the first architecture text I ever read. We'll see how it stands up to the intervening 13

years.

Mid Read note: I forgot how effing boring this is.  
Not bad, just boring. Incredibly dry.

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### **Donna says**

I read an earlier edition about ten years ago. It was a superb tour of modern architecture. The tone is sharp and arrogant. An exciting book.

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### **Danilo says**

Canonical book, for it establishes some of the upcoming "moral values" of Modern Architecture.  
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### **Morteza says**

A Fantastic Architecture book that I recommend to all Architect to have a look at it.

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