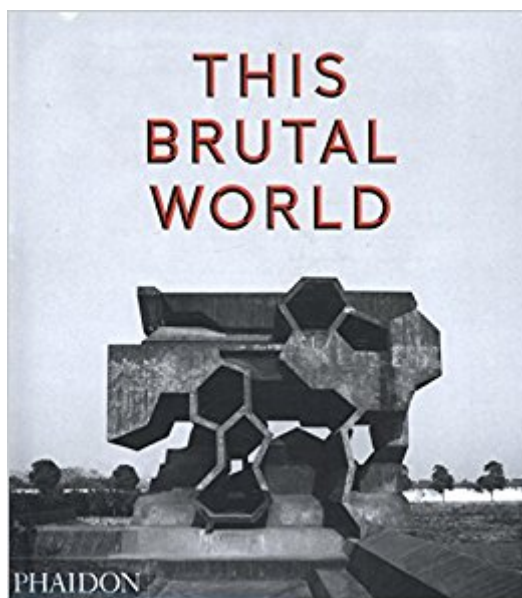


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An outstanding example of brutalist architecture examples from around the world. This book puts it all together with a great intro, TONS of spectacular photos and clever quotes sprinkled throughout. Some people hate brutalist architecture...this book will show you the error of your thoughts.

This is a great book, why do reviewers think you need more text to ruin something you see! Seriously, the preface was atrocious. I bet my 11-year old niece could write something better and shorter, a writer the author is not! But I write this not to bash the author who is a photographer.. I think (couldn't get through the ridiculously long life-history that was the preface), but to make a point that a photographer should stick to photographing! Thank you, author, for not writing more than you did. Each page has at least two photos of a building, small text to the side: Name of building,

Location, Year, Architect. Also on each spread is a quote related to this style of architecture, which gave just enough humanity to both the book and buildings, a very smart move! Any Nihilists out there eat your fudging hearts out. To say these structures are imposing, brutal, unforgiving, would be correct, but maybe just a bit of disservice. They are all together philosophic, immortal, conscious. What I mean is they don't revel in their imposingly "brutal" nature, they are aware of such and transcend themselves. They command only to themselves, and in such sense become their own entity. When a creation has the power to exist outside of its creator, the creator becomes.. uneasy. That's what these buildings are, they have become something unto themselves, unquestionable. Many can't seem to cope with such unease.

This Brutal World, is, by far the most extensive collection of brutalist architecture I've seen. It's a gorgeous book worth every penny. I want to frame every picture in this book and hang on my wall, that's how good it is. And of course, it features my favorite building of all time, a Paul Rudolph classic, the Orange County Government Center in Goshen, NY

On top of the great architecture there are some awesome quotes too.

My Architecture son absolutely loved this book

This is a coffee table book for people who simply want to look at curious images. For anyone familiar with Brutalism, it is a waste of time and money. It offers no insight and is presented with a remarkable lack of historical perspective.

Jam packed with projects that are generally photographed from not the usual vantage points.

Perfect.

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