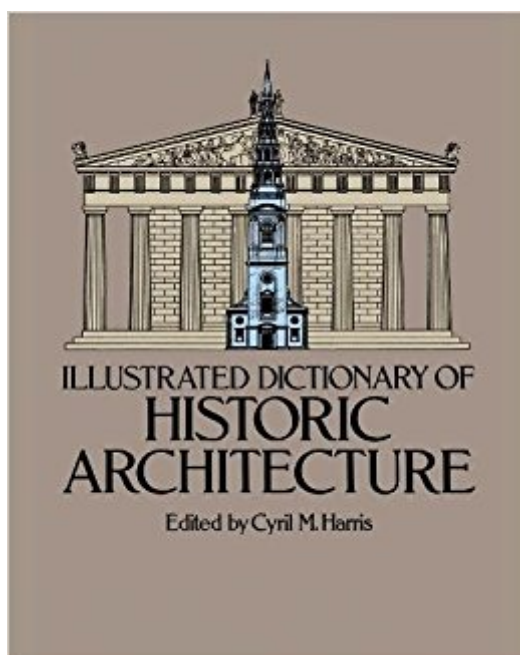


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This is an essential resource for learning and reading about architecture. The pen illustrations are mostly spot on. The definitions appear to me to be complete. Often listings will have multiple definitions. The book is internally consistent. Listings and definitions are reflexive. This is a fine example of how one can use OCD to add great value. All the illustrations (there are more than a couple thousand) came from the author's year's-long collecting.

This is an illustrated alphabetical listing of architectural features. So if you know the name of what you are looking for you can find it with a good description. However not every item has an illustration. Also it would have been nice to have some sort of categorization cross reference to find things in this book (e.g. listing items by period/style)

I've only spent a little time with this book and it's already one of my favorite purchases, I originally expected it to just contain styles of entire buildings but no this book has so many details and hints on what I can imagine is almost every facet of architecture. True to its name it really is a pictorial encyclopedia of historic architecture going way into details.

Good compendium of architectural detail throughout the ages. Good illustrations. Set up like an encyclopedia so you can find the item of interest so long as you know what it's called. Also goes into some extensive detail on certain fields, so that you get a good overview of, say, Gothic architecture. However, by its nature, don't expect it to be an answer book. It can guide you and remind you, but it's not a course in architecture.

Although this book is out of print it has lots of great details for anybody wanting to learn about architecture or need definitions of terms. (If you can find someone selling it) The company that I picked had a good copy but terrible shipping.

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