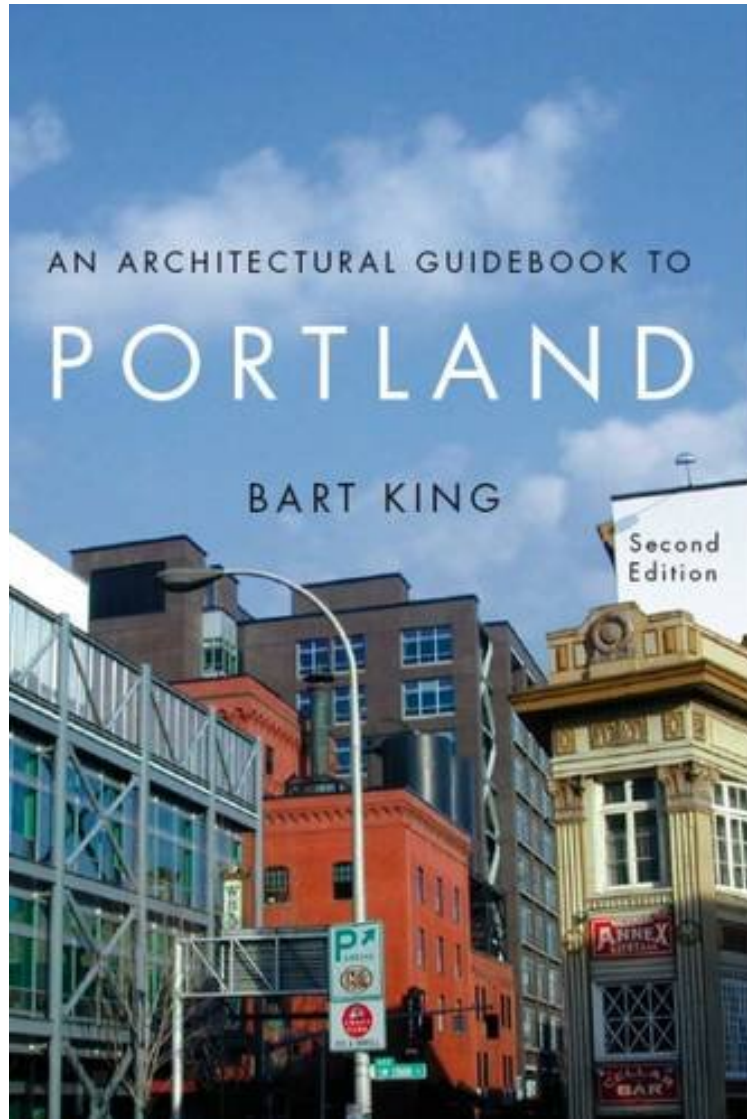


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Bart King : An Architectural Guidebook to Portland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Architectural Guidebook to Portland:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Portland is SO beautiful! Great, fun book too. By Jon L. Albee This is an outstanding architectural guide, written for architecture enthusiasts and serious cultural travelers. Why did I give it only a 4 (instead of a 5)? Because it is not entirely inclusive of entries from the 2001 edition. The author, for some odd reason, has removed (or condensed) many of the entries from the 2001 edition to make room for mostly modern structures from the past six years. My simple complaint (and recommendation): In any new edition, add, but do not

subtract. Anyway, you can buy the first edition if you like. It's still in print. Otherwise, it's nearly perfect. The small building selection (about 250 sites) is wonderful, and is a perfect balance between historic and modern landmarks. The author wrote the text with a fun, tongue-in-cheek style that is both insightful and entertaining without being flippant. It really works well. The photographs are all monochrome, and there are very few, perhaps one per page, or about one for every other entry. There are a few interior shots of important public spaces. I would say that the photography meets minimum standards of a book like this, but that's about all. For those of you familiar with the Dorsey and Dilts guide to Baltimore, this book is similar in feel and format. There's a very brief introductory essay to establish the historical context, and short architect biographies inserted into the text. Mostly the author chooses to let us interpret the history of the city through the buildings. As for the architecture, I'll leave that for you to discover. Suffice to say that Portland is, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful cities in the country. It has preserved its urban density, as each block is just crammed with structures, rather than surface parking or (even worse) urban wasteland. Surrounding suburbs and towns are not discussed, but that's fine since there's more than enough to keep one interested within the Portland city limit. And if you think Portland is just a smaller version of Seattle, you should take a look at this book and reconsider. If you're traveling to Portland and you like buildings, this book is a must. The author has been careful and deliberate enough that architectural historians will find real research value in this book too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A must read By Virgil C. Funk As a newcomer to Portland, Or, this book is a goldmine. Bart King provides walking tours to some sections of the city. Written with "just enough" technical information, the book is lively reading and very informative and comprehensive. A must read for newcomers---and I believe most residents of Portland would enjoy the comprehensiveness. I love this book. There is a couple of mistakes: picture of Arlington Club is incorrect 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By vicki excellent

Portland strikes a unique balance between the rich architectural traditions of the past and the cutting-edge creative developments of modern architecture. Within a small downtown area can be found 19th-century cast-iron-front buildings, skyscrapers, old brick warehouses, a landmark 1890 train station, historic bridges, and a distinguished assortment of museum, government, and retail buildings. Its civic planning, historic preservation, and overall attractiveness make Portland a place that natives revel in and visitors admire. Written for both layperson and professional, *An Architectural Guidebook to Portland* is filled with history and photos that demonstrate why this city is one of the most admired in the nation. The Guidebook's first edition was praised for its readability and usefulness as a reference book. It has now been revised and updated to reflect Portland's explosive growth in the 21st century. New features include an added focus on the development of green buildings and sustainable design in Portland, a chapter on downtown bridges, expanded coverage of the city's vibrant neighborhoods, and a glossary of architectural terms. With over 250 entries that tell the stories behind Portland's celebrated cityscape, this comprehensive guide is an indispensable resource for visitors and Portlanders alike.

"It offers the perfect amount of interesting and enlightening information in a very accessible format." "This wonderful book is a plethora of riches, an irresistible read and a fine guide to many of Portland's unique buildings and areas." From the Inside Flap Contents Introduction Downtown--Courthouse Square and Environs Downtown--Park Blocks Downtown--Government Square, South Auditorium District, Portland State University Yamhill Historic District Old Town/Chinatown Pearl District Northwest Southwest Northeast/North Southeast Bibliography Index From the Back Cover A graceful combination of eccentric and traditional architecture. Portland, Oregon, is a city widely known for its civic planning, preservation of historic buildings, attractiveness, and inviting atmosphere. Within the five-mile downtown district can be found skyscrapers, nineteenth-century cast-iron-front buildings, a riverfront park, old brick warehouses and breweries still in operation, a train station with a 150-foot clock tower, five bridges, and a rich assortment of museums, government buildings, and shops. With more than 250 entries, this comprehensive guide includes the following: Pioneer Courthouse Union Station Chinese Classical Garden U.S. Bancorp Tower Historic Bridges U.S. National Bank Building Additional updates and expanded information can be found at: teleport.com/~kilm2/home.html