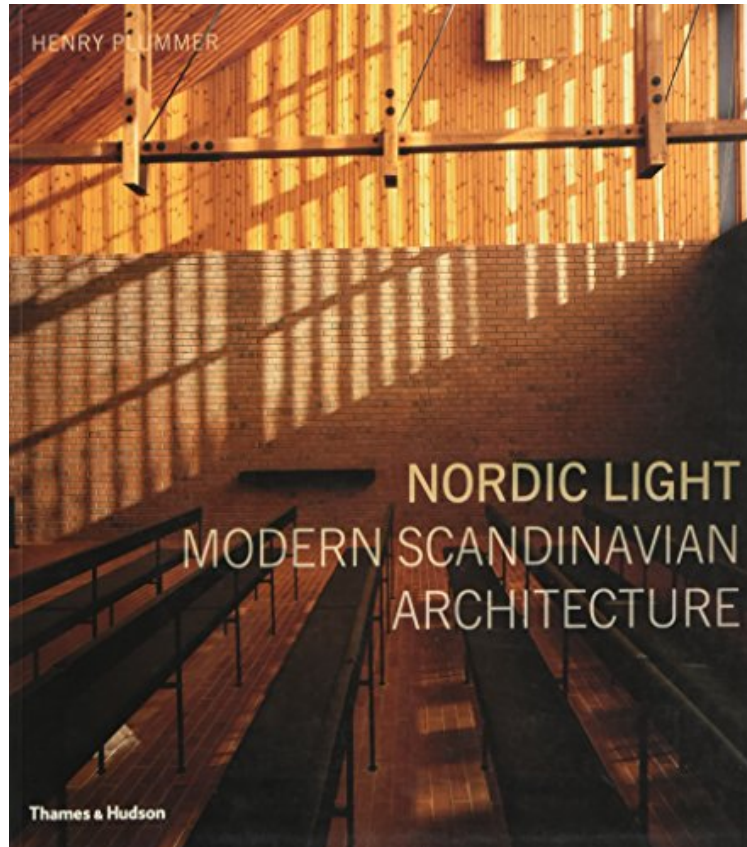


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Henry Plummer : Nordic Light: Modern Scandinavian Architecture before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nordic Light: Modern Scandinavian Architecture:

33 of 34 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful, but a limited spectrumBy Dennis M. ClarkThere is nothing in the description of this book on the site to indicate that more than 60% of the book is devoted to ecclesiastical architecture -- lots of churches and chapels. That's all very well, since the selections are quite stunning, but there are far too many pictures of church pews and crosses in the book for my taste. The secular buildings are primarily museums and government buildings. If one is hoping for views of major performing arts structures (there have been several notable new opera houses built in Scandinavia recently), one will have to look elsewhere. Don't expect much in the way of transportation hubs either, even though train stations are such an important aspect of modern Scandinavian architecture.Despite my reservations, this is a strangely compelling book, possibly best described as illustrated poetry. The photographs draw the reader into a mythical space and the text provides clues, hints, feelings, patterns -- architecture as numinous art, as an invitation to a spiritual journey. Again, not at all what I expected, but quite a beautiful book.

Imparts a true sense of the magical light that has shaped great buildings in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The quality of light in the higher latitudes has given rise to some of the most important and influential architecture of the modern period. In the Scandinavian countries, in particular, the ethereal nature of light combined with natural resources and highly refined building techniques, not to mention the stark seasonal contrast between the scarcity of light in winter and the ever-present glow of long summer days, have provided the context for architectural acts of genius. This book celebrates established icons, newly discovered gems, and contemporary masterworks that represent the highest expression of Scandinavian design and response to the environment. Just under fifty projects are featured in detail, ordered according to the way in which different light conditions have imparted qualities to the buildings. Henry Plummer treats his subject with a uniquely authoritative perspective in which the words resonate with his artfully taken images. 513 illustrations, 441 in color

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