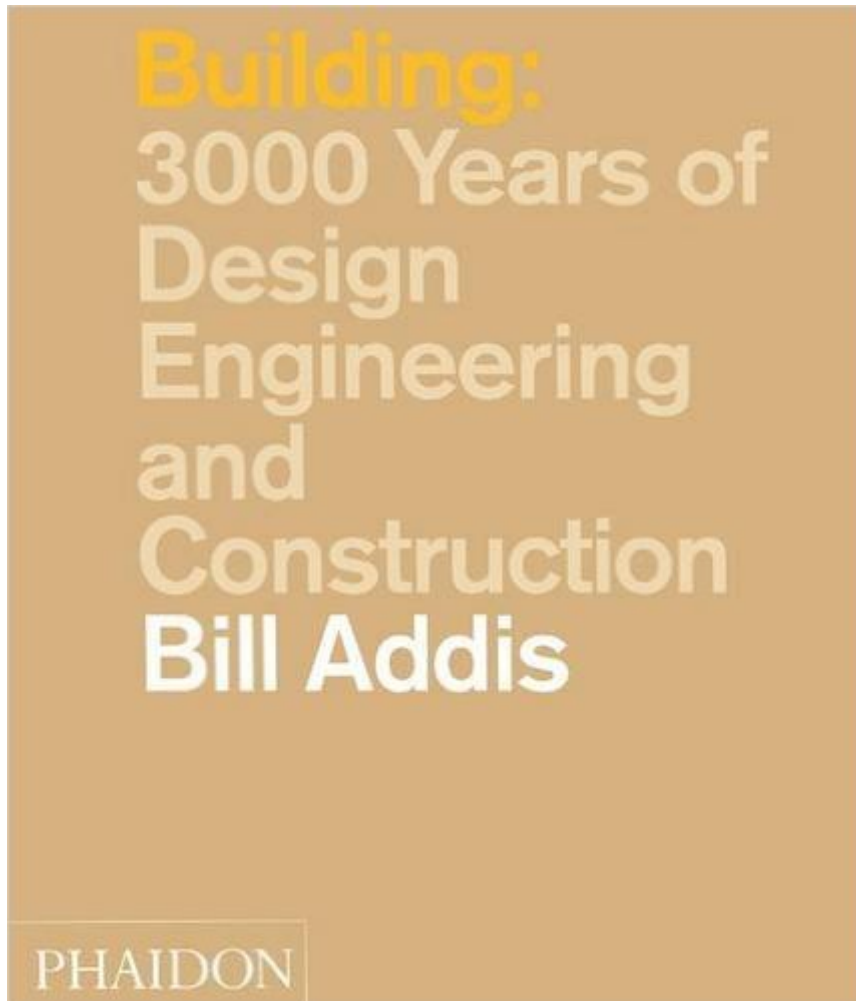


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I'm giving this book its third five star rating, and for lots of very good reasons. I have been looking

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The author deserves a ton of credit for the huge amount of work that must have gone into compiling all of the information and images in this book, and putting them into an enjoyable and readable text. I was hoping (in something as sweeping as this) to come across some sort of exposition about what brought about various developments in design engineering and construction - what was behind a shift from one mode to the next. The book touches lightly on this subject occasionally, but that's about it. And there was no false advertising there, just wishful thinking on my part - no fault to the author or the book. I suppose it is up to the reader to reflect, which is a gift in itself!

Comprehensive, readable, enjoyable. Recommended to me by a professor of architectural history. A great read! Recommended for anyone interested in a long term review of architecture, technology and design tools.

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