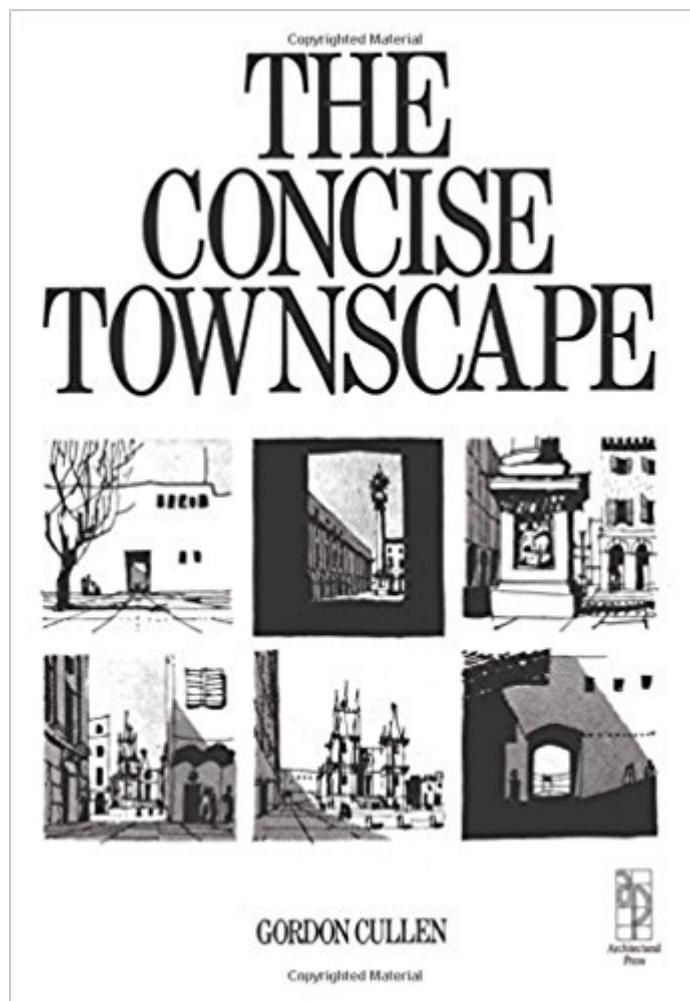


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# Concise Townscape



## **Synopsis**

This book pioneered the concept of townscape. 'Townscape' is the art of giving visual coherence and organization to the jumble of buildings, streets and space that make up the urban environment. It has been a major influence on architects, planners and others concerned with what cities should look like.

## **Book Information**

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'A welcome reissue of this influential work, with acute observations on the English urban landscape, fully backed up with photographs and the author's characteristic drawings.' Soc. of Architectural & Industrial Illustrators News

fresh and new state, but a very bad print: the copies of the images and photographs are of a very bad quality compared with the original print.

I refer to this book constantly while designing.

This book has changed my life as it relates to the "gambits" of making an inventive street work. Other books cover enclosure and ending the street with a focal point. This book goes into so much more depth. The challenge for me is to take these largely urban ideas and apply them to a suburban

environment (where I do my work) but that isn't Cullen's fault. The qualities that go into a good street will probably never change. Cullen cataloged them for us here 40 or 50 years ago and these ideas, the fundamentals, will never change.

the book cut first letter of the word or end of the letter of the word,it is very let me down

If Gordon Cullen's book 'The Concise Townscape' were required reading for anyone entering an architectural education, the level of discourse on design would skyrocket. Cullen puts to words and images some of the more intangible qualities of space that nevertheless affect how we view our surroundings. It is, in my opinion, a categorization of experiences... discussing things like 'serial vision' (the progression of visual experience as one moves along a path) 'outdoor room and indoor landscape', 'looking into enclosure', 'viscosity', etc. etc. This book is more than a dictionary or thesaurus of spatial terms, however. It is primarily a book on experience- getting to the heart of how a space actually feels; how it is occupied, how it CAN be occupied, and what are the qualities that make it that way. If read for what it truly is, it renders the current fashion of architectural pornography rather silly. And this, my friend, is where its true strength in Academia comes into play. Sexy renderings only take one so far, but your design professor has most likely read this book. Understanding Cullen's work will bring the discourse up, and move your work beyond a visual one-liner. But that's just my opinion, and I could be wrong.

Too concise. Had to get copies of pictures left out from previous copy. Dorothy Ramsay

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