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# Thinking Architecture, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

Architecture that is meant to have a sensuous connection to life calls for thinking that goes far beyond form and construction. In his texts, Peter Zumthor articulates what motivates him to design his buildings, which appeal to the visitor's heart and mind in so many different ways and possess a compelling and unmistakable presence and aura. Now in its third edition, this book has been expanded to include two new essays: "Architecture and Landscape deals with the relationship between the structure and its surroundings, with the secret of the successful placement and topographical integration of architecture. In "The Leis Houses," Peter Zumthor describes the genesis of two wooden houses in the town of Leis in the Swiss canton of Graubünden, thus thematizing the special challenge of integrating contemporary architecture into a traditional architectural context.

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Expanded: Peter Zumthor's bestseller

Winner of the Pritzker Prize for Architecture 2009, Swiss architect Peter Zumthor is considered to be one of the most extraordinary and controversial architects working today.

Zumthor's *Thinking Architecture* and *Atmospheres* are iconic additions to the lexicon of architectural theory. Zumthor is a humble giant, and his concern with the phenomenological

experience of the user, as well as with the performative aspects of building, point the way to a twenty-first century architecture that is kinder and more responsible than the architectures of the twentieth. This is a must-read for all architects and designers, and if you find yourself thinking Zumthor to be ho-hum or you don't agree with him, I ask you: As an architect who do you serve? If your answer is one rooted in a wider ethic, Zumthor will resonate with you.

Very nice read

Vivid mind told in a perfect package. Zumthor, confidently, took readers through his every day experience that shapes his breathtaking architecture. It is a very honest writings that shows his strong foundation.

Beautiful Book. Every architect should read.

Zumthor gives insight to his process and advice for the phenomenological architect. Memory and sensation are most important. Relatively easy read for architecture.

It's a simple small text, however, I admire the architects work and this book continues to be an inspiration to read.

Not only a wonderful architect but his design thinking revealed here, should be cherished. Each page a pearl. Time well invested in reading this volume.

This is a great book that shows the sensual side of Architecture and the design process. Zumthor writes eloquently on the processes of architecture.

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