

**Architecture
Happiness Alain
Botton**

The bestselling author of The Architecture
of Happiness and The Art of Travel

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spends a week at an airport in a wittily intriguing meditation on the "non-place" that he believes is the centre of our civilization. In the summer of 2009, Alain de Botton was invited by the owners of Heathrow airport to become their first ever writer-in-residence. Given unprecedented, unrestricted access to wander around one

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of the world's busiest airports, he met travellers from all over the globe, and spoke with everyone from baggage handlers to pilots, and senior executives to the airport chaplain. Based on these conversations he has produced this extraordinary meditation on the nature of travel, work, relationships, and our daily

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lives. Working with the renowned documentary photographer Richard Baker, he explores the magical and the mundane, and the interactions of travellers and workers all over this familiar but mysterious "non-place," which by definition we are eager to leave. Taking the reader through departures, "air-side,"

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and the arrivals hall, de Botton shows with his usual combination of wit and wisdom that spending time in an airport can be more revealing than we might think. In this rigorous and supremely honest book Alain de Botton helps us navigate the intimate and exciting – yet often confusing and difficult – experience that is

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sex. Few of us tend to feel we're entirely normal when it comes to sex, and what we're supposed to be feeling rarely matches up with the reality. This book argues that 21st-century sex is ultimately fated to be a balancing act between love and desire, and adventure and commitment. Covering topics that include

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lust, fetishism, adultery and pornography, Alain de Botton frankly articulates the dilemmas of modern sexuality, offering insights and consolation to help us think more deeply and wisely about the sex we are, or aren't, having. One in the new series of books from The School of Life, launched May 2012: How to Stay Sane by

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Philippa Perry How to Find Fulfilling
Work by Roman Krznaric How to Worry
Less About Money by John Armstrong
How to Change the World by John-Paul
Flintoff How to Thrive in the Digital Age
by Tom Chatfield How to Think More
About Sex by Alain de Botton
Bestselling author Alain de Botton

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considers how our private homes and public edifices influence how we feel, and how we could build dwellings in which we would stand a better chance of happiness. In this witty, erudite look at how we shape, and are shaped by, our surroundings, Alain de Botton applies Stendhal's motto that "Beauty is the

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promise of happiness” to the spaces we inhabit daily. Why should we pay attention to what architecture has to say to us? de Botton asks provocatively. With his trademark lucidity and humour, de Botton traces how human needs and desires have been served by styles of architecture, from stately Classical to minimalist Modern,

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arguing that the stylistic choices of a society can represent both its cherished ideals and the qualities it desperately lacks. On an individual level, de Botton has deep sympathy for our need to see ourselves reflected in our surroundings; he demonstrates with great wisdom how buildings — just like friends — can serve as

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guardians of our identity. Worrying about the shape of our sofa or the colour of our walls might seem self-indulgent, but de Botton considers the hopes and fears we have for our homes at a new level of depth and insight. When shopping for furniture or remodelling the kitchen, we don't just consider functionality but also the major

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questions of aesthetics and the philosophy of art: What is beauty? Can beautiful surroundings make us good? Can beauty bring happiness? The buildings we find beautiful, de Botton concludes, are those that represent our ideas of a meaningful life. The Architecture of Happiness marks a return to what Alain does best — taking

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on a subject whose allure is at once tantalizing and a little forbidding and offering to readers a completely beguiling and original exploration of the subject. As he did with Proust, philosophy, and travel, now he does with architecture.

Curiously practical—this no-nonsense blend of literary biography and self-help

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unravels how interesting life can be if only you could resist the impulse to rush through the mundane rituals of modern life. Every morning, Marcel Proust sipped his two cups of strong coffee with milk, ate a croissant from one boulangerie, dunking it in his coffee as he slowly read the day's paper with great care—poring

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over each headline and section. Only Alain de Botton could have pulled so many useful insights from the oeuvre of one the world's greatest literary masters. Fascinating and vital, *How to Take Your Time* will urge you to find the wisdom in defying “the self-satisfaction felt by ‘busy’ men—however idiotic their

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business—at ‘not having time’ to do what
you are doing.” A Vintage Shorts
Wellness selection. An ebook short.
An Edible History of Humanity
Remodelista
Thermal Delight in Architecture
Art as Therapy
Everything Architects Need to Know

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Every Day

Social Media - The First 2,000 Years

A bestselling author draws on the work of one of history ' s most important writers to show us how to best live life in a book that ' s "delightfully original.... A self-help book in the deepest sense of the term" (The New York Times). Alain de Botton

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combines two unlikely genres—literary biography and self-help manual—in the hilarious and unexpectedly practical *How Proust Can Change Your Life*. Who would have thought that Marcel Proust, one of the most important writers of our century, could provide us with such a rich source of insight into how best to live life? Proust

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understood that the essence and value of life was the sum of its everyday parts. As relevant today as they were at the turn of the century, Proust's life and work are transformed here into a no-nonsense guide to, among other things, enjoying your vacation, reviving a relationship, achieving original and unclich é d articulation, being a good host,

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recognizing love, and understanding why you should never sleep with someone on a first date. It took de Botton to find the inspirational in Proust's essays, letters and fiction and, perhaps even more surprising, to draw out a vivid and clarifying portrait of the master from between the lines of his work. Here is Proust as we have never seen

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or read him before: witty, intelligent, pragmatic. He might well change your life. Two authorities on popular culture reveal the ways in which art can enhance mood and enrich lives - now available in paperback This passionate, thought-provoking, often funny, and always-accessible book proposes a new way of

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looking at art, suggesting that it can be useful, relevant, and therapeutic. Through practical examples, the world-renowned authors argue that certain great works of art have clues as to how to manage the tensions and confusions of modern life. Chapters on love, nature, money, and politics show how art can help with many common difficulties,

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from forging good relationships to coming to terms with mortality.

A man accused by women of narcissism tries to show more interest in his next one, only to discover women don't like too much attention either. A romantic comedy set in Britain by the author of *On Love*.

Literary ombudsman John Crace never met

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an important book he didn't like to deconstruct. From Salman Rushdie to John Grisham, Crace retells the big books in just 500 biting satirical words, pointing his pen at the clunky plots, stylistic tics and pretensions of Big Ideas, as he turns publishers' golden dream books into dross.

The Digested Read

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The Architecture Reference & Specification
Book Updated & Revised
The Pleasures of Japanese Literature
I AM
An Emotional Education - 'It's an Amazing
Book' Chris Evans
How Buildings Learn
From the international bestselling

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author of *The Architecture of Happiness and How Proust Can Change Your Life* comes this lyrical, erudite look at our world of work. We spend most of our time at work, but what we do there rarely gets discussed in the sort of lyrical

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and descriptive prose our efforts surely deserve. Determined to correct this lapse, armed with a poetic perspective and his trademark philosophical sharpness, Alain de Botton heads out into the world of offices and factories, ready

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to take in the beauty, interest, and sheer strangeness of the modern workplace. De Botton spends time in and around some less familiar work environments, including warehouses, container ports, rocket launch pads, and power stations,

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and follows scientists, landscape painters, accountants, cookie manufacturers, therapists, entrepreneurs, and aircraft salesmen as they do their jobs. Along the way, de Botton tries to answer some of the most urgent

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questions we can pose about work:
Why do we do it? What makes it
pleasurable? What is its meaning?
To what end do we daily exhaust
not only ourselves but also our
planet? Equally intrigued by work's
pleasures and its pains, Alain de

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Botton offers a characteristically lucid and witty tour of the working day and night, in a book sure to inspire a range of life-changing and wise thoughts.

The founder of Architizer.com and practicing architect draws on his

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unique position at the crossroads of architecture and social media to highlight 100 important buildings that embody the future of architecture. We're asking more of architecture than ever before; the response will define our future. A

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pavilion made from paper. A building that eats smog. An inflatable concert hall. A research lab that can walk through snow. We're entering a new age in architecture—one where we expect our buildings to deliver far more

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than just shelter. We want buildings that inspire us while helping the environment; buildings that delight our senses while serving the needs of a community; buildings made possible both by new technology and repurposed materials. Like an

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architectural cabinet of wonders, this book collects the most innovative buildings of today and tomorrow. The buildings hail from all seven continents (to say nothing of other planets), offering a truly global perspective on what lies

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ahead. Each page captures the soaring confidence, the thoughtful intelligence, the space-age wonder, and at times the sheer whimsy of the world's most inspired buildings—and the questions they provoke: Can a building breathe?

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Can a skyscraper be built in a day?
Can we 3D-print a house? Can we
live on the moon? Filled with
gorgeous imagery and witty insight,
this book is an essential and
delightful guide to the future being
built around us—a future that

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matters more, and to more of us,
than ever.

A lighthearted chronicle of how
foods have transformed human
culture throughout the ages traces
the barley- and wheat-driven early
civilizations of the near East

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through the corn and potato industries in America.

"I AM is a fascinating, in-depth and eye-opening look at the very essence of how each of our lives are created in every moment." - Hale Dwoskin, author of the New

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York Times bestseller, The Sedona Method and featured teacher in The Secret For centuries humankind has been asking fervent questions about the meaning of life. As Howard Falco learned, the answers to these questions can ultimately be

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found in the answer to just one:
"Who am I?" In late 2002, in the
middle of an ordinary life, Falco-a
thirty- five-year-old investment
manager with a wife and two
children-sought the answer to this
powerful question and remarkably

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this quest resulted in a sudden and all-encompassing shift in his awareness that revealed more about life and how we each create it than he ever imagined knowing. Startled by this new understanding and its implications for his own life

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and the lives of all others, Falco set out to share his discoveries. The stunning result is this book. I AM takes readers on a life-changing journey in which they will discover the incredible power they have over their experience of life, finding that

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the doorway to eternal peace,
happiness, and fulfillment lies in
one of the shortest sentences in the
written word but the most powerful
in the universe: I AM.

The Munk Debates

Architectural Elements to Use &

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Avoid

The Intimate Philosophy of Art

Get Your House Right

Middlemarch

The School of Life

A landmark account of architectural
theory and practice from acclaimed

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philosopher Roger Scruton Architecture is distinguished from other art forms by its sense of function, its localized quality, its technique, its public and nonpersonal character, and its continuity with the decorative arts. In this important book, Roger Scruton calls for a return to first principles in contemporary architectural

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theory, contending that the aesthetic of architecture is, in its very essence, an aesthetic of everyday life. Aesthetic understanding is inseparable from a sense of detail and style, from which the appropriate, the expressive, the beautiful, and the proportionate take their meaning. Scruton provides incisive critiques of the

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romantic, functionalist, and rationalist theories of design, and of the Freudian, Marxist, and semiological approaches to aesthetic value. In a new introduction, Scruton discusses how his ideas have developed since the book's original publication, and he assesses the continuing relevance of his argument for the twenty-

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first century.

From the author of *The Architecture of Happiness*, a deeply moving meditation on how we can still benefit, without believing, from the wisdom, the beauty, and the consolatory power that religion has to offer. Alain de Botton was brought up in a committedly atheistic household, and

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though he was powerfully swayed by his parents' views, he underwent, in his mid-twenties, a crisis of faithlessness. His feelings of doubt about atheism had their origins in listening to Bach's cantatas, were further developed in the presence of certain Bellini Madonnas, and became overwhelming with an introduction to Zen

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architecture. However, it was not until his father's death -- buried under a Hebrew headstone in a Jewish cemetery because he had intriguingly omitted to make more secular arrangements -- that Alain began to face the full degree of his ambivalence regarding the views of religion that he had dutifully accepted. Why are we presented

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with the curious choice between either committing to peculiar concepts about immaterial deities or letting go entirely of a host of consoling, subtle and effective rituals and practices for which there is no equivalent in secular society? Why do we bristle at the mention of the word "morality"? Flee from the idea that art

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should be uplifting, or have an ethical purpose? Why don't we build temples? What mechanisms do we have for expressing gratitude? The challenge that de Botton addresses in his book: how to separate ideas and practices from the religious institutions that have laid claim to them. In *Religion for Atheists* is an

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argument to free our soul-related needs from the particular influence of religions, even if it is, paradoxically, the study of religion that will allow us to rediscover and rearticulate those needs.

A fresh approach to matters of the heart, teaching us that success in love need never again be just a matter of luck.

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Most architectural standards references contain thousands of pages of details, overwhelmingly more than architects need to know to know on any given day. The updated and revised edition of Architecture Reference & Specification contains vital information that's essential to planning and executing architectural

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projects of all shapes and sizes, all in a format that is small enough to carry anywhere. It distills the data provided in standard architectural volumes and is an easy-to-use reference for the most indispensable--and most requested--types of architectural information.

The Consolations of Philosophy

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How To Think More About Sex
Religion for Atheists
Status Anxiety
Writing on the Wall
Summary of Alain de Botton's The
Architecture of Happiness
Buildings have often been

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studies whole in space, but never before have they been studied whole in time. How Buildings Learn is a masterful new synthesis that proposes that buildings adapt best when constantly refined and

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reshaped by their occupants,
and that architects can
mature from being artists of
space to becoming artists of
time. From the connected
farmhouses of New England
to I.M. Pei's Media Lab, from

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"satisficing" to "form follows funding," from the evolution of bungalows to the invention of Santa Fe Style, from Low Road military surplus buildings to a High Road English classic like

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Chatsworth—this is a far-ranging survey of unexplored essential territory. More than any other human artifacts, buildings improve with time—if they're allowed to. How Buildings Learn shows how to

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work with time rather than
against it.

Today we are endlessly
connected: constantly
tweeting, texting or e-mailing.
This may seem
unprecedented, yet it is not.

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Throughout history,
information has been spread
through social networks, with
far-reaching social and
political effects. Writing on
the Wall reveals how an
elaborate network of letter

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exchanges forewarned of power shifts in Cicero's Rome, while the torrent of tracts circulating in sixteenth-century Germany triggered the Reformation. Standage traces the story of the rise,

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fall and rebirth of social media over the past 2,000 years offering an illuminating perspective on the history of media, and revealing that social networks do not merely connect us today –

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they also link us to the past.
Any Baedeker will tell us
where we ought to travel, but
only Alain de Botton will tell
us how and why. With the
same intelligence and
insouciant charm he brought

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to How Proust Can Save Your Life, de Botton considers the pleasures of anticipation; the allure of the exotic, and the value of noticing everything from a seascape in Barbados to the takeoffs at Heathrow.

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Even as de Botton takes the reader along on his own peregrinations, he also cites such distinguished fellow-travelers as Baudelaire, Wordsworth, Van Gogh, the biologist Alexander von

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Humboldt, and the 18th-century eccentric Xavier de Maistre, who catalogued the wonders of his bedroom. The Art of Travel is a wise and utterly original book. Don ' t leave home without it.

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From the author of How
Proust Can Change Your Life,
a delightful, truly consoling
work that proves that
philosophy can be a supreme
source of help for our most
painful everyday problems.

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Perhaps only Alain de Botton could uncover practical wisdom in the writings of some of the greatest thinkers of all time. But uncover he does, and the result is an unexpected book of both

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solace and humor. Dividing his work into six sections -- each highlighting a different psychic ailment and the appropriate philosopher -- de Botton offers consolation for unpopularity from Socrates,

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for not having enough money
from Epicurus, for frustration
from Seneca, for inadequacy
from Montaigne, and for a
broken heart from
Schopenhauer (the darkest of
thinkers and yet,

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paradoxically, the most cheering). Consolation for envy -- and, of course, the final word on consolation -- comes from Nietzsche: "Not everything which makes us feel better is good for us."

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This wonderfully engaging book will, however, make us feel better in a good way, with equal measures of wit and wisdom.

Happy by Design
The Course of Love

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Meditations on the Anxious
Mind

The Ethical Function of
Architecture

A Novel

The Aesthetics of
Architecture

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A guide to our anxious minds;
offering a route to calm, self-
compassion and mental well-being.
Far more than we tend to realise,
we 're all – in private – deeply
anxious. There is so much that
worries us across our days and
nights: whether our hopes will

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come true, whether others will like us, whether the people we care about will be OK, whether we can escape humiliation and grief... Anxiety is deeply normal and, like so much else that troubles our minds, it can be understood and brought under our control. We all

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deserve to wake up every day without a sense of foreboding. This is a guide to anxiety: why we feel it, how we experience it when it strikes and what we can do when we come under its influence. Across a series of essays that look at the subject from a number of

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angles, the tone is helpful, compassionate and in the best sense practical. We have suffered for too long under the rule of anxiety. Here – at last – is a pathway to a calmer, more compassionate and more light-hearted future.

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Anyone who 's ever lost sleep over an unreturned phone call or the neighbor ' s Lexus had better read Alain de Botton ' s irresistibly clear-headed new book, immediately. For in its pages, a master explicator of our civilization and its discontents turns his attention to

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the insatiable quest for status, a quest that has less to do with material comfort than with love. To demonstrate his thesis, de Botton ranges through Western history and thought from St. Augustine to Andrew Carnegie and Machiavelli to Anthony Robbins.

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Whether it ' s assessing the class-consciousness of Christianity or the convulsions of consumer capitalism, dueling or home-furnishing, Status Anxiety is infallibly entertaining. And when it examines the virtues of informed misanthropy, art appreciation, or

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walking a lobster on a leash, it is not only wise but helpful. Our thermal environment is as rich in cultural associations as our visual, acoustic, olfactory, and tactile environments. This book explores the potential for using thermal qualities as an expressive

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element in building design. Until quite recently, building technology and design has favored high-energy-consuming mechanical methods of neutralizing the thermal environment. It has not responded to the various ways that people use, remember, and care

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about the thermal environment and how they associate their thermal sense with their other senses. The hearth fire, the sauna, the Roman and Japanese baths, and the Islamic garden are discussed as archetypes of thermal delight about which rituals have

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developed—reinforcing bonds of affection and ceremony forged in the thermal experience. Not only is thermal symbolism now obsolete but the modern emphasis on central heating systems and air conditioning and hermetically sealed buildings has actually

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damaged our thermal coping and sensing mechanisms. This book for the solar age could help change all that and open up for us a new dimension of architectural experience. As the cost of energy continues to skyrocket, alternatives to the use of

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mechanical force must be developed to meet our thermal needs. A major alternative is the use of passive solar energy, and the book will provide those interested in solar design with a reservoir of ideas.

Considered one the masterpieces

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of realist fiction, George Eliot's novel, *Middlemarch: A Study of Provincial Life*, explores a fictional nineteenth-century Midlands town in the midst of modern changes. The quiet drama of ordinary lives and flawed choices are played out in the complexly portrayed central

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characters of the novel-the idealistic Dorothea Brooke; the ambitious Dr. Lydgate; the spendthrift Fred Vincy; and the steadfast Mary Garth. The appearance of two outsiders further disrupts the town's equilibrium-Will Ladislaw, the

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spirited nephew of Dorothea's husband, the Rev. Edward Casaubon, and the sinister John Raffles, who threatens to expose the hidden past of one of the town's elite.

A User's Manual

Architecture and Well-being in the

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Age of Emotional Capitalism
The Art of Solitude
Our Happy Life
A Week at the Airport
The Art of Travel
How do we design our cities
when our most intimate
experiences are incessantly

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tracked and our feelings become the base of new modes of production that prioritize the immaterial over the material? Since the 2008 financial crisis, lists of well-being indicators, happiness indexes, and quality-

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of-life rankings have become viral. Concurrently, the emotional data presented in these surveys?including perceptions on questions such as loneliness, friendship, and intimate fears?feed an

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expanding political agenda of happiness and a new form of market whose most decisive asset is 'affect.' 'Our Happy Life' investigates the architectural implications of this trend by dissecting and

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questioning the political, economic, and emotional conditions that generate space today. Organized as a visual narrative with critical readings by Will Davies, Daniel Fujiwara, Simon Fujiwara, Ingo Niermann,

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Deane Simpson, and Mirko Zardini, the book reveals architecture, city, and landscape as contested surfaces, caught between the intangible guidelines of happiness indexes, the new marketplace of

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emotions, and the relentless
ideology of
positivity.00Exhibition:
Canadian Centre for
Architecture, Montreal, Canada
(08.05. - 13.10.2019).
Can architecture help us find

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our place and way in today's complex world? Can it return individuals to a whole, to a world, to a community?

Developing Giedion's claim that contemporary architecture's main task is to interpret a way

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of life valid for our time,
philosopher Karsten Harries
answers that architecture
should serve a common ethos.
But if architecture is to meet
that task, it first has to free
itself from the dominant

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formalist approach, and get beyond the notion that its purpose is to produce endless variations of the decorated shed. In a series of cogent and balanced arguments, Harries questions the premises on

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which architects and theorists have long relied—premises which have contributed to architecture's current identity crisis and marginalization. He first criticizes the aesthetic approach, focusing on the

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problems of decoration and ornament. He then turns to the language of architecture. If the main task of architecture is indeed interpretation, in just what sense can it be said to speak, and what should it be

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speaking about? Expanding upon suggestions made by Martin Heidegger, Harries also considers the relationship of building to the idea and meaning of dwelling. Architecture, Harries observes, has a

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responsibility to community; but its ethical function is inevitably also political. He concludes by examining these seemingly paradoxical functions. Even as oversized McMansions continue to elbow their way into

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tiny lots nationwide, a much different trend has taken shape. This return to traditional architectural principles venerates qualities that once were taken for granted in home design: structural common

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sense, aesthetics of form, appropriateness to a neighborhood, and even sustainability. Marianne Cusato, creator of the award-winning Katrina Cottages, has authored and illustrated this definitive

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guide to what makes houses look and feel right--to the eye and to the soul. She teaches us the language and grammar of classical architecture, revealing how balance, harmony, and detail all contribute to creating a

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home that will be loved rather than tolerated. And she takes us through the do ' s and don ' ts of every element of home design, from dormers to doorways to columns. Integral to the book are its hundreds of elegant line

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drawings--clearly rendering the varieties of lintels and cornices, arches and eaves, and displaying "avoid " and "use " versions of the same elements side by side.

Please note: This is a

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companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 The house on the street is a prime example of how architecture can contribute to our happiness. It has endured a lot over the years, but it still

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stands strong and dignified. It has provided not only physical but also psychological sanctuary. #2 The world ' s most intelligent people have disdained any interest in decoration and design, equating

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contentment with discarnate and invisible matters. A concern for architecture has never been free from suspicion. #3 We seem to have an urge to numb ourselves to our surroundings, but we also have an urge to

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acknowledge the significance of our locations. We believe that architecture can help us realize who we might ideally be. #4 We are sometimes eager to celebrate the influence of our surroundings. But sensitivity to

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architecture also has its problematic aspects. We can't remain sensitive indefinitely to environments that we don't have the means to alter for the good.

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Do Humankind ' s Best Days Lie
Ahead?

The Pleasures and Sorrows of
Work

The Architecture of Happiness
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Your Life

Kiss & Tell

“ An engrossing tale [that] provides plenty of food for thought ” (People, Best New Books pick), this playful, wise, and profoundly moving

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second novel from the internationally bestselling author of How Proust Can Change Your Life tracks the beautifully complicated arc of a romantic partnership. We all know the headiness and

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excitement of the early days of love. But what comes after? In Edinburgh, a couple, Rabih and Kirsten, fall in love. They get married, they have children—but no long-term relationship is as simple as

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“ happily ever after. ” The Course of Love explores what happens after the birth of love, what it takes to maintain, and what happens to our original ideals under the pressures of an average

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existence. We see, along with Rabiha and Kirsten, the first flush of infatuation, the effortlessness of falling into romantic love, and the course of life thereafter. Interwoven with their story and its

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challenges is an overlay of philosophy—an annotation and a guide to what we are reading. As The New York Times says, “ The Course of Love is a return to the form that made Mr. de Botton ’ s

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name in the mid-1990s....love is the subject best suited to his obsessive aphorizing, and in this novel he again shows off his ability to pin our hopes, methods, and insecurities to the page. ” This

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is a Romantic novel in the true sense, one interested in exploring how love can survive and thrive in the long term. The result is a sensory experience—fictional, philosophical,

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psychological—that urges us to identify deeply with these characters and to reflect on his and her own experiences in love. Fresh, visceral, and utterly compelling, *The Course of Love* is a

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provocative and life-affirming novel for everyone who believes in love. “ There ’ s no writer alive like de Botton, and his latest ambitious undertaking is as enlightening and humanizing as his

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previous works ” (Chicago Tribune).

In a time of social distancing and isolation, a meditation on the beauty of solitude from renowned Buddhist writer Stephen Batchelor “ Whatever

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a soul is, the author goes a long way toward soothing it. A very welcome instance of philosophy that can help readers live a good life. ” —Kirkus Reviews
“ Elegant and formally

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ingenious. ” —Geoff Wisner,
Wall Street Journal When
world renowned Buddhist
writer Stephen Batchelor
turned sixty, he took a
sabbatical from his teaching
and turned his attention to

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solitude, a practice integral to the meditative traditions he has long studied and taught. He aimed to venture more deeply into solitude, discovering its full extent and depth. This beautiful literary

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collage documents his
multifaceted explorations.
Spending time in remote
places, appreciating and
making art, practicing
meditation and participating in
retreats, drinking peyote and

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ayahuasca, and training himself to keep an open, questioning mind have all contributed to Batchelor ' s ability to be simultaneously alone and at ease. Mixed in with his personal narrative

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are inspiring stories from solitude ' s devoted practitioners, from the Buddha to Montaigne, from Vermeer to Agnes Martin. In a hyperconnected world that is at the same time plagued

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by social isolation, this book shows how to enjoy the inescapable solitude that is at the heart of human life.

This is a book about everything you were never taught at school. It's about

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how to understand your emotions, find and sustain love, succeed in your career, fail well and overcome shame and guilt. It's also about letting go of the myth of a perfect life in order to

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achieve genuine emotional maturity. Written in a hugely accessible, warm and humane style, The School of Life is the ultimate guide to the emotionally fulfilled lives we all long for - and deserve.

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This book brings together ten years of essential and transformative research on emotional intelligence, with practical topics including: - how to understand yourself - how to master the dilemmas

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of relationships - how to
become more effective at
work - how to endure failure
- how to grow more serene
and resilient.

Alain de Botton explores our
relationship with 'the news' in

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this book full of his trademark wit and wisdom. Following on from his bestselling Religion for Atheists, Alain de Botton turns now to look at the manic and peculiar positions that 'the news' occupies in

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our lives. We invest it with an authority and importance which used to be the preserve of religion - but what does it do for us? Mixing current affairs with philosophical reflections, de

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Botton offers a brilliant illustrated guide to the precautions we should take before venturing anywhere near the news and the 'noise' it generates. Witty and global in reach, *The News will*

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ensure you'll never look at reports of a celebrity story or political scandal in quite the same way again. Praise for Religion for Atheists: 'Smart and stimulating . . . a sensitive analysis of the

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deeply human needs that faith
meets' Financial Times 'A
serious and optimistic set of
practical ideas that could
improve and alter the way we
live . . . energetic and on the
side of the angels' Jeanette

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Winterson, The Times
'Packed with tantalising goads
to thought and playful
prompts to action'
Independent Alain de Botton's
bestselling books include
Religion for Atheists, How

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Proust Can Change Your Life,
The Art of Travel, and The
Architecture of Happiness.
He lives in London and
founded The School of Life
(www.theschooloflife.com)
and Living Architecture ([ww](http://www.livingarchitecture.com)

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w.living-architecture.co.uk).
For more information, consult
www.alaindebotton.com.

Anxiety

A Guide to Architecture and
Mental Wellbeing
How Proust Can Change Your

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Life
Relationships
The Power of Discovering
Who You Really Are
A Non-Believer's Guide to the
Uses of Religion
Can good design truly make

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us happier? Given that we spend over 80% of our time in buildings, shouldn't we have a better understanding of how they make us feel? This book explores the ways in which buildings, spaces and

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cities affect our moods. It reveals how architecture and design can make us happy and support mental health and explains how poor design can have the opposite effect. Presented through a series of

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easy-to-understand design tips and accompanied by beautiful diagrams and illustrations, Happy by Design is a fantastic resource for architects, designers and students, or for anybody who

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would like to better understand the relationship between buildings and happiness.

A classic examination of superb design through the centuries. Widely regarded as

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a classic in the field,
Experiencing Architecture
explores the history and
promise of good design.
Generously illustrated with
historical examples of
designing excellence—ranging

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from teacups, riding boots,
and golf balls to the villas of
Palladio and the fish-feeding
pavilion of Beijing's Winter
Palace—Rasmussen's
accessible guide invites us to
appreciate architecture not

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only as a profession, but as an art that shapes everyday experience. In the past, Rasmussen argues, architecture was not just an individual pursuit, but a community undertaking.

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Dwellings were built with a natural feeling for place, materials and use, resulting in “ a remarkably suitable comeliness. ” While we cannot return to a former age, Rasmussen notes, we can still

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design spaces that are beautiful and useful by seeking to understand architecture as an art form that must be experienced. An understanding of good design comes not only from one's

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professional experience of
architecture as an abstract,
individual pursuit, but also
from one's shared, everyday
experience of architecture in
real time—its particular use of
light, color, shape, scale,

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texture, rhythm and sound.
Experiencing Architecture
reminds us of what good
architectural design has
accomplished over time, what
it can accomplish still, and
why it is worth pursuing.

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Wide-ranging and approachable, it is for anyone who has ever wondered “ what instrument the architect plays on. ”

The Architecture of Happiness is a dazzling and generously

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illustrated journey through
the philosophy and
psychology of architecture
and the indelible connection
between our identities and
our locations. One of the great
but often unmentioned causes

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of both happiness and misery is the quality of our environment: the kinds of walls, chairs, buildings, and streets that surround us. And yet a concern for architecture is too often described as

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frivolous, even self-indulgent. Alain de Botton starts from the idea that where we are heavily influenced by who we can be, and argues that it is architecture's task to stand as an eloquent reminder of our

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full potential.

How many of us have stopped before a famous painting or building only to realise, with quiet disappointment, that we can't quite see what the fuss is about? What do we have to

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do - beyond just staring - to get the most out of art? How do we come to develop an attachment to individual works and find them deeply fascinating? How do they come to matter to us?

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Experiencing Architecture,
second edition
The Future of Architecture in
100 Buildings
Essays in Love
The News
(Penguin Classics Deluxe

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Edition)

How to Take Your Time
Progress. It is one of the
animating concepts of the
modern era. From the
Enlightenment onwards, the
West has had an enduring

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belief that through the evolution of institutions, innovations, and ideas, the human condition is improving. This process is supposedly accelerating as new technologies, individual

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freedoms, and the spread of global norms empower individuals and societies around the world. But is progress inevitable? Its critics argue that human civilization has become

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different, not better, over the last two and a half centuries. What is seen as a breakthrough or innovation in one period becomes a setback or limitation in another. In short, progress is an ideology

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not a fact; a way of thinking about the world as opposed to a description of reality. In the seventeenth semi-annual Munk Debates, which was held in Toronto on November 6, 2015, pioneering cognitive

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scientist Steven Pinker and bestselling author Matt Ridley squared off against noted philosopher Alain de Botton and bestselling author Malcolm Gladwell to debate whether humankind ' s best

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days lie ahead.

Remodelista.com is the go-to, undisputed authority for home design enthusiasts, remodelers, architects, and designers. Unlike sites that cater to all tastes,

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Remodelista has a singular and clearly defined aesthetic: classic pieces trump designs that are trendy and transient, and well-edited spaces take precedence over cluttered environments. High and low

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mix seamlessly here, and getting the look need not be expensive (think Design Within Reach meets Ikea). Remodelista decodes the secrets to achieving this aesthetic, with in-depth tours

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and lessons from 12 enviable homes; a recipe-like breakdown of the hardest-working kitchens and baths; dozens of do-it-yourself projects; “ The Remodelista 100, ” a guide to the best

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everyday household objects;
and an in-depth look at the ins
and outs of the remodeling
process. In a world of design
confusion, Remodelista takes
the guesswork out of the
process.

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Introduces Japanese culture,
and discusses the aesthetics,
poetry, fiction, and theater of
Japan

Essays in Love will appeal to
anyone who has ever been in
a relationship or confused

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about love. The book charts the progress of a love affair from the first kiss to argument and reconciliation, from intimacy and tenderness to the onset of anxiety and heartbreak. The work's

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genius lies in the way it minutely analyses emotions we've all felt before but have perhaps never understood so well: it includes a chapter on the anxieties of when and how to say 'I love you' and

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another on the challenges of disagreeing with someone else's taste in shoes. While gripping the reader with the talent of a great novelist, de Botton brings a philosopher's sensibility to his analyses of

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the emotions of love,
resulting in a genre-breaking
book that is at once touching
and thought-provoking.