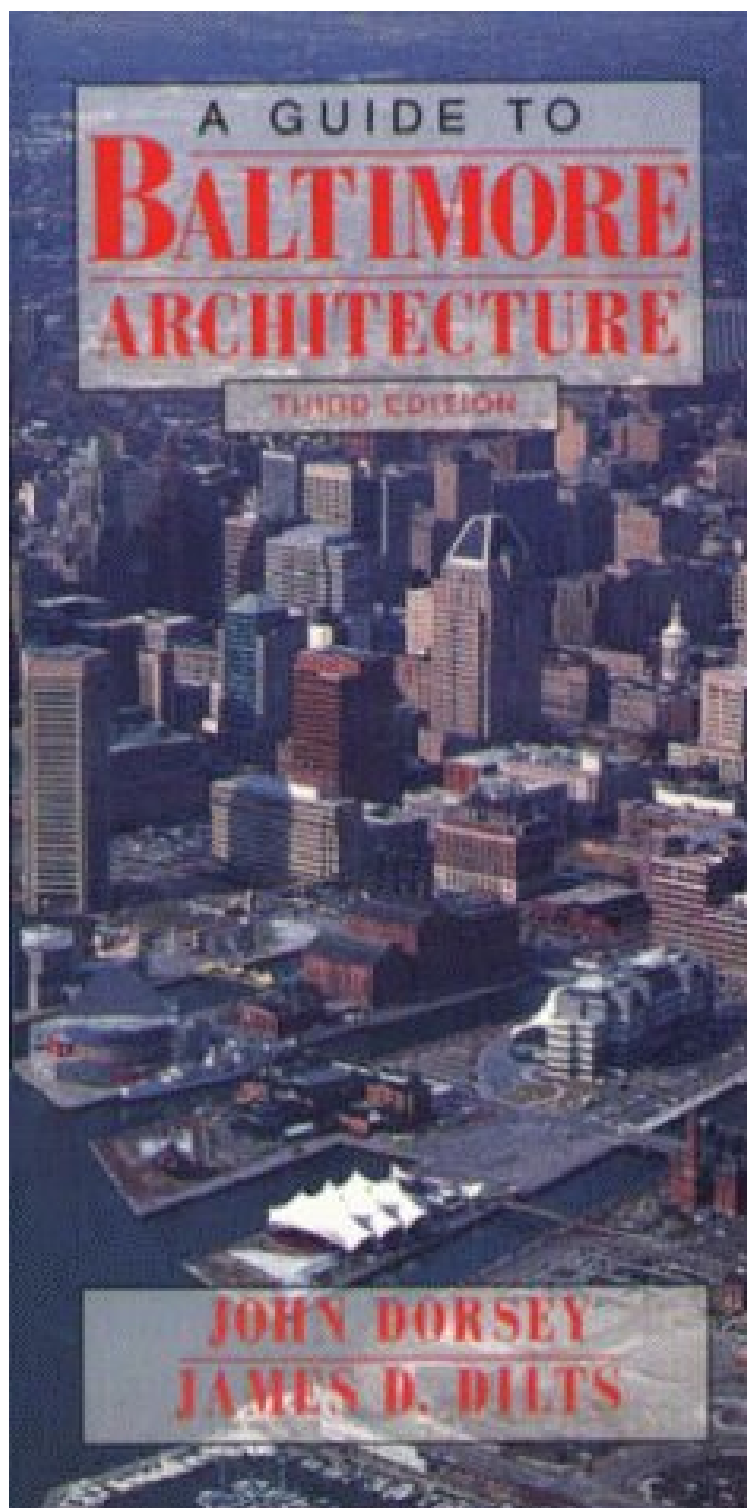


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and ...By Lee MA surprisingly detailed and comprehensive survey of architecture in and around Baltimore City (including Baltimore County). The coverage of interesting / unusual buildings, along with a description of styles unique to specific neighborhoods, is extensive. The photography is clean (black and white only) and the accompanying maps are helpful. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Somewhat dated guide to historic landmarks is still good. By Jon L Albee Baltimore is a hard city to get your hands around. It's the quintessential image of urban decay; poor, crime-ridden, but also surprisingly hospitable and absolutely crammed with exceptional historical architecture. Poverty, in this case, has proved to be the best preserver, and most of Baltimore's lovely old churches and public buildings are still with us in their somewhat decrepit state. Despite the public image, any enthusiast of American urban architectural history has to love Baltimore. The building stock from 1790 to 1860 is PARTICULARLY good, as Baltimore absolutely exploded during those years. The guide presents remaining structures from this period very well. This book summarizes the provenance and artistic significance of about 200 [mostly historical] sites. It largely, though not entirely, ignores Baltimore's modern structures (Myerhoff, Harborplace, Eisenhower Library, etc...), and there are even some conspicuous gaps in the presentation of the historic fabric. The Lyric Opera House, for example, is completely absent. So is the Old Post Office. Pimlico, ditto. Memorial Stadium? Also, this book was published in 1997, which makes it rather dated in the world of architectural surveys. Time for a new edition. And fill in those holes! Those issues aside, this book is better than the vast majority of the urban architectural surveys out there. It includes a photograph of every structure, along with a concise essay describing its history and distinguishing features. It includes biographies of important Baltimore architects and well-written, substantive introductory chapters to set the historical context. It's well done. The book is organized into tours by geographic area, featuring the most important landmark structures. There are also excursions beyond the city limits, into the shallow suburbs. Recommended for architectural historians and cultural tourists alike. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. By Laura Bradford Have lived in the area all my life and was delighted to find more areas to explore that I was unaware of.

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