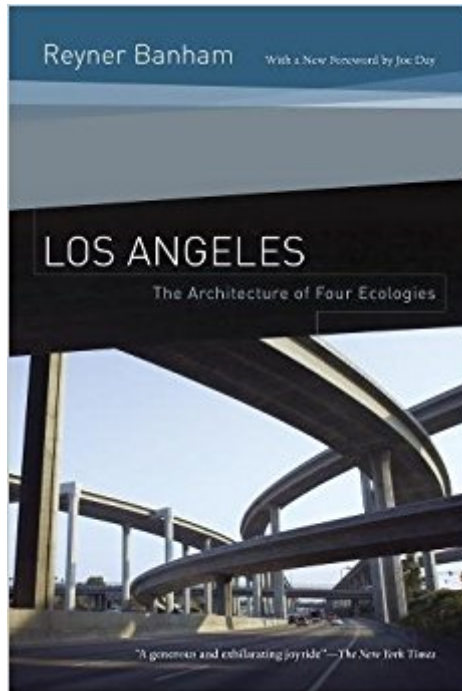




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# Los Angeles: The Architecture Of Four Ecologies



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Reyner Banham (1922-1988) was Sheldon H. Solow Professor of the History of Architecture at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. Joe Day leads deegan day design llc and serves on the design faculty at the Southern California Institute of Architecture.

Thanks!

A classic that every Angeleno should own - so sad that so much has disappeared

Los Angeles is very beautiful! Fell in love with LA ^)

I had to buy this book for school and had a great price. The ideas the author presents are interesting and his writing style is definitely interesting. I definitely recommend it for people who live in LA.

A wonderful introduction to the roots of L.A. and how it came to be what it was in the arly 70's, and amazingly still relevant for the 21st century.

Outstanding book about Los Angeles, a must-read for anyone interested in history, architecture, and culture.It reads like poetry.

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