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Synopsis

Updated in its 10th edition, Contemporary Urban Planning provides readers with in-depth coverage of the historic, economic, political, legal, and environmental factors affecting urban planning as well as specific chapters on the various fields of planning. With updated coverage of the Obama administration's response to the present economic downturn, the text addresses the most pressing issues in urban development today - including the subprime mortgage crisis and home foreclosures, federal funding for public transportation, and new standards for "green" buildings. The book also includes new material on the rapidly growing field of planning for natural catastrophes.

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This book gives a broad spectrum of what to expect in the planning field, but there are a few flaws. One is that the book is not written for the technocratic planner, it is written for the beginner or someone who is not going to make planning their career. But this book will give the beginner a broad basis to start from and for this I do suggest the beginner to read this before they choose planning as a career.

I bought the kindle edition of the book to have better access to the text while studying for the AICP exam. Unfortunately, I found out that the book is not accessible on the Kindle Cloud Reader. I purposefully bought it to read on the cloud reader at work when I had downtime. Having a kindle or phone out at work is not an option. I needed to read it on my computer. The book has limited use

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A great book to introduce you to the world of urban planning. I especially like the real world examples and his aversion to overly philosophical arguments for the way things should be done (I've found a few other books to be almost unbearable for that reason). Levy writes like he is telling a story, making it the most pleasurable textbook I've every read cover to cover. Highly recommend.

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I was thinking of enrolling in a masters program for Urban Planning, and wanted to get a better sense of what a planner did. This book offers a good overview of the field, and provides a basic understanding of the types of issues a planner might deal with. I would recommend it to anyone who is in my position, trying to learn more about the field. For anyone looking for more than just a basic, 1st level overview, this is not your book.

This book is a great complement to a class, but more importantly this book really could stand alone without an instructor guiding you along. The examples and step break-down allow students to practice the methodology without having to rely on any other resources. Many books require the use of

other resources or a course. This did not.

Great look at planning as a profession. Very comprehensive account of planning history, complexity and connectivity, to society, government, and non-government organizations. It covers what every aspiring planner should know about the profession. A foundational pillar for appropriately designing the urban environment.

I reviewed this book for possible use in undergraduate city planning course. The book is currently in wide use for such courses. Provides good overview of origins of city planning, its role in post-war land use development, and the social, political, and economic forces supporting or constraining this role.

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