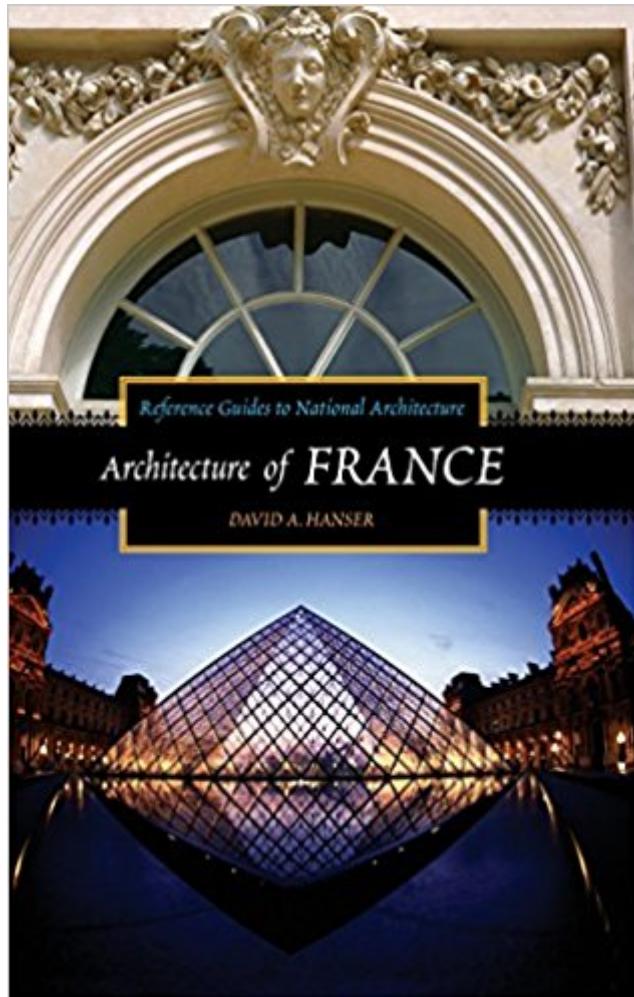


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I thoroughly enjoyed this--albeit a bit pricey--book. The concise Introduction on generic architecture principles was masterfully written and a joy to read. Being a lay person, had I read this years ago I

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