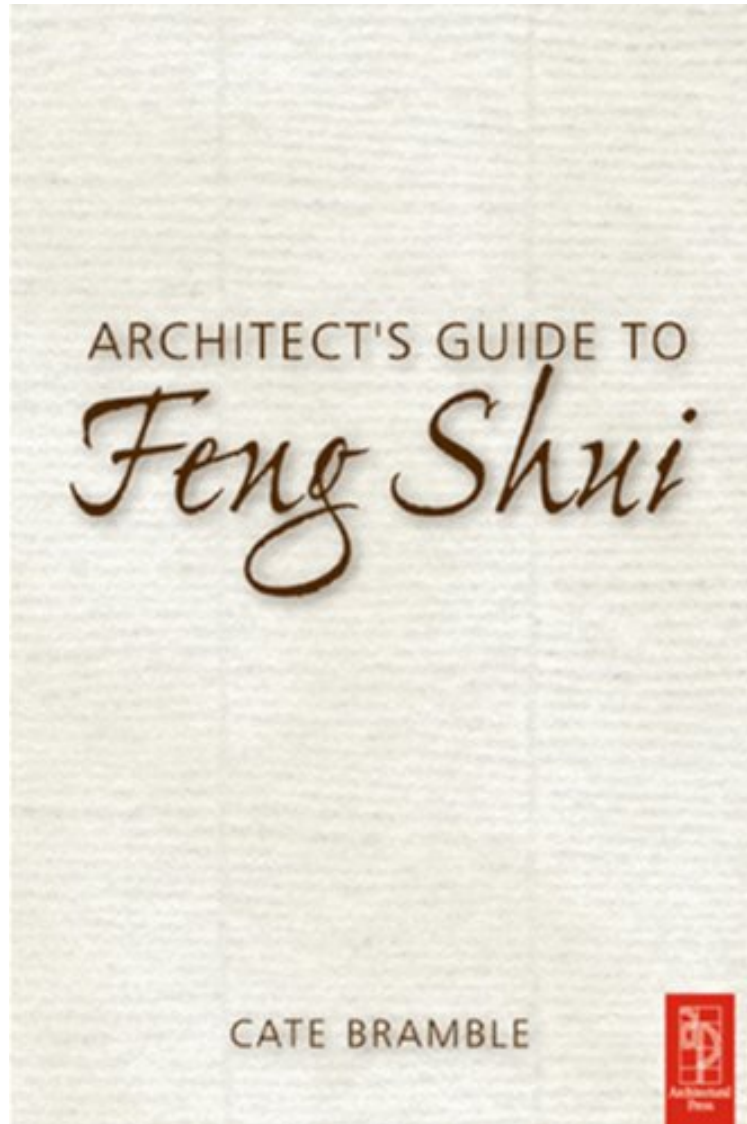


## Architect's Guide to Feng Shui

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**Cate Bramble : Architect's Guide to Feng Shui** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Architect's Guide to Feng Shui:

21 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Building Professionals Beware!By M. MatsonIf you are an architect, designer, or other building professional looking for a guide to feng shui, something that will help you incorporate the principles of feng shui into your daily work, this is NOT the book for you!This book is little more than a sophistic exercise devoted to convincing building professionals that the mysteries of feng shui are so deep, a "professional" must be hired; it's purpose is NOT to guide them through the principles so that they can use them on a

daily basis. I was deeply disappointed that I had purchased nothing more than 200+ pages of sophistic argument devoted to convincing me that an understanding of feng shui was beyond the reach of those of us who had not devoted our lives to monastic studies of its fathomless mysteries.

Cate Bramble has devoted her career to highlighting the differences between 'feng shui-lite' as a fashionable pursuit in contrast to the original intentions of the Chinese masters. Here she presents the authentic principles in a technical, no-nonsense pocket book specifically for architects. As clients become more demanding and the competition for projects heats up, the architect is well advised to have many strings to their bow. This practical guide includes line illustrations that present the principles of feng shui, the Chinese art or practice in which a structure or site is chosen or configured so as to harmonize with the spiritual forces that inhabit it, and their application in architecture through planning principles, services, building elements and materials, in an accessible, easy reference format. The feng shui-savvy architect can also benefit from feng shui's ability to match structures and land, and the peculiar capacity of authentic feng shui to forecast development-related concerns including cost overruns, quality issues - even worker injuries and trade disputes! The author explains feng shui from archaeological sources and evidence of practice in the east, contrasting it with what passes for feng shui in the west. She analyses the practice in terms of such concepts as western systems theory, viewshed, space syntax and the 'pattern landscape' theory of urban planning. For the first time, the sustainable implications of feng shui design are explained with reference to the latest developments in behavioural and cognitive sciences, evolutionary biology and other western viewpoints.

I began the book expecting some great things. Well, I was not disappointed. - Feng Shui Network...(the author) has done her homework. With her vast knowledge Cate is able to cover a lot of ground. - Feng Shui Network This book has been incredibly well researched and offers a genuine attempt to chart all aspects of Feng Shui - Building Design From the Back Cover This is a practical guide showing architects how to assess and apply the principles of authentic feng shui. Providing easy access to serious technical information, this pocket book enables architects to benefit from the valuable principles of this proven art and avoid its eccentric reputation. Authentic feng shui can match structures and land with uncanny precision, and affords a peculiar capacity to forecast development-related problems including cost overruns and even trade disputes! This book demonstrates how to apply the harmonizing forms of this ancient practice through planning principles, natural features, services, building elements and materials. Using evidence from archaeological sources and genuine practice in the east, the author analyses feng shui through concepts such as western systems theory, evolutionary and behavioral psychology, viewshed and space syntax, and explains its profound abilities for creating sustainable design. About the Author Urban Design specialist and established author with a good track record known in the Feng Shui world and within the specific field of architecture and design. She is a member of the New Zealand Feng shui Guild and generates a fact-based website known as Feng Shui Ultimate Resource.