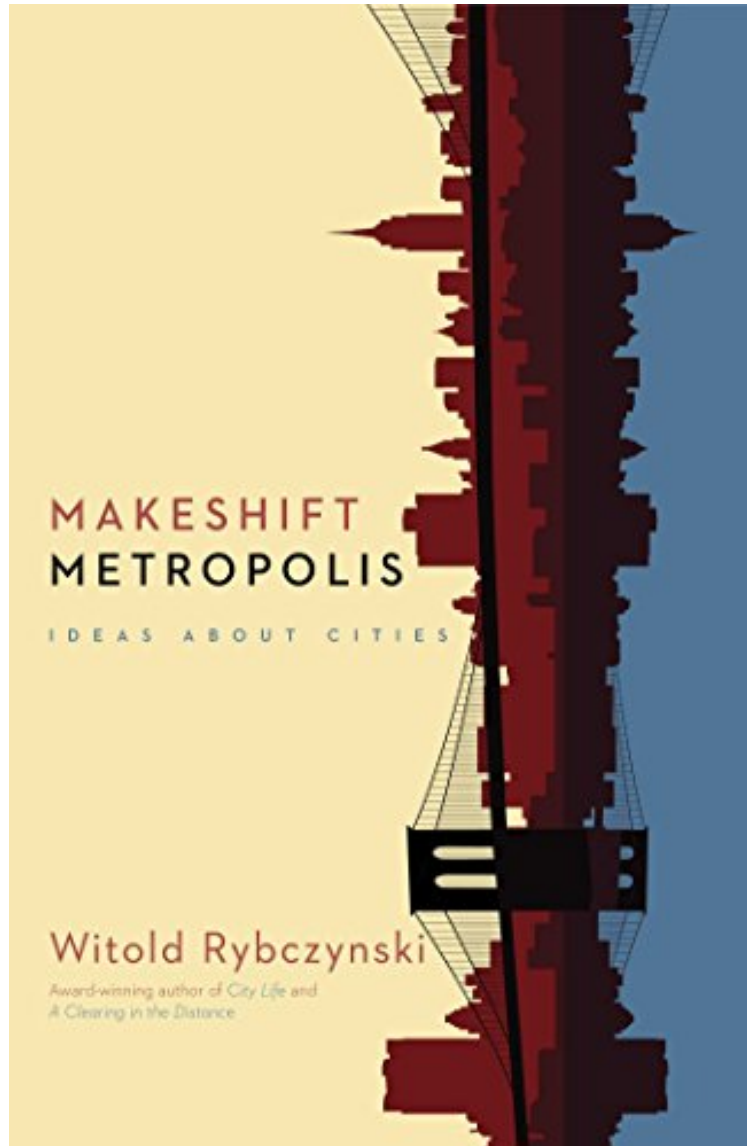


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Short and sweet, left me wanting moreBy Christopher AndersonOverall a worthwhile read. There's a lot of history packed into just 200 pages; some of it is fascinating while other parts were a little dry. The author is truly knowledgeable about cities, however, and I enjoy that he provides his perspective in a seemingly non-ideological way. I felt like this book is a wonderful 'appetizer', but I ended up getting Edward Glaeser's Triumph of Cities after I finished in order to get a more comprehensive treatment of the subject. So

maybe if you're just looking for a fly-by of the ideas that have affected how American cities look and operate, this is perfect. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great review of the history of city planning in the US By G. Petri I found this book to be well organized and concise. As an architect that was in school during the city planning conversations of the 1960s, reading *Makeshift Metropolis* now has been a good review and an opportunity to reassess some of the notions that were prevalent then. Things have clearly evolved. Planning is more like being engaged in the trenches than organizing the pieces on a game board. Witold has done it again, bringing accessible understanding of a complicated issue to anyone who is interested in learning. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. My niece is in landscape architecture and ... By Marnie George Great book. My niece is in landscape architecture and her thesis is going to be about turning a city into an Olympic games site and the aftermath and how to beautify the city afterwards all while doing everything environmentally responsible. Great book for her to reference.

In this new work, prizewinning author, professor, and *Slate* architecture critic Witold Rybczynski returns to the territory he knows best: writing about the way people live, just as he did in the acclaimed bestsellers *Home* and *A Clearing in the Distance*. In *Makeshift Metropolis*, Rybczynski has drawn upon a lifetime of observing cities to craft a concise and insightful book that is at once an intellectual history and a masterful critique. *Makeshift Metropolis* describes how current ideas about urban planning evolved from the movements that defined the twentieth century, such as *City Beautiful*, the Garden City, and the seminal ideas of Frank Lloyd Wright and Jane Jacobs. If the twentieth century was the age of planning, we now find ourselves in the age of the market, Rybczynski argues, where entrepreneurial developers are shaping the twenty-first-century city with mixed-use developments, downtown living, heterogeneity, density, and liveliness. He introduces readers to projects like Brooklyn Bridge Park, the Yards in Washington, D.C., and, further afield, to the new city of Modir'squoin, Israelmdash;sites that, in this age of resource scarcity, economic turmoil, and changing human demands, challenge our notion of the city. Erudite and immensely engaging, *Makeshift Metropolis* is an affirmation of Rybczynski's role as one of our most original thinkers on the way we live today.