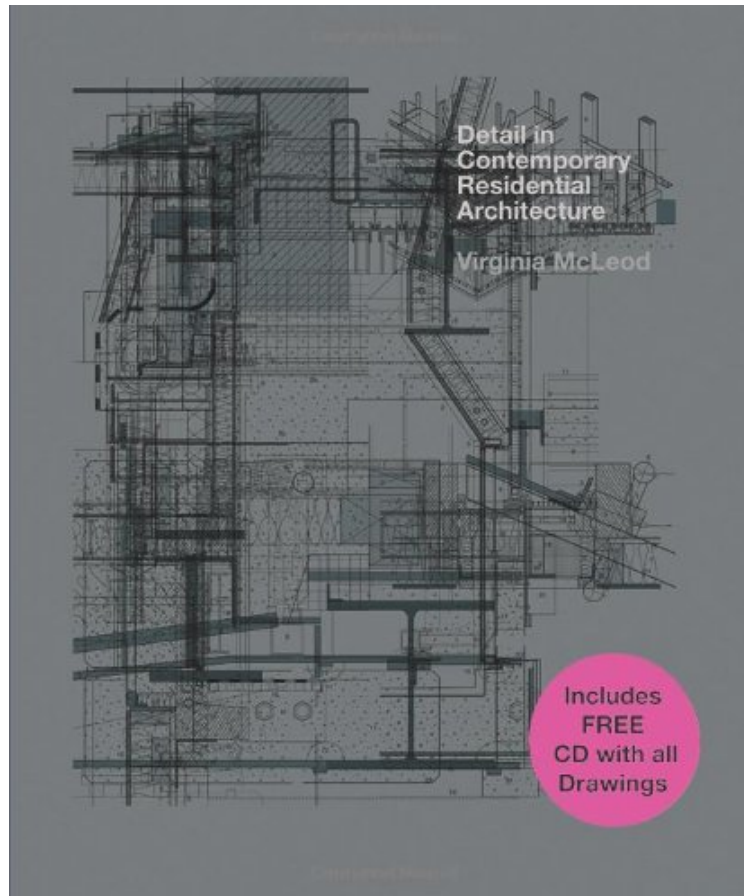


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By John Gibbons
I am an architecture student who is getting close to graduation. I have started to work at a residential firm and as many others in my position could I'm sure attest, they don't prepare you for the real world very well when it comes to things like details. I have almost no builder experience and this book along with the others in the series by McLeod are really great for starting to figure out how these beautiful things we see every day on the various architecture websites actually go together. These books do a nice job of showing you the typical images that you would see in any architecture book and then presenting the details of how they were actually built using graphically pleasing and easy to read diagrams. The diagrams are well-labeled as well. Not necessarily for use in an office as some more comprehensive detailing books might be, I would nevertheless say that for those interested in contemporary details, this book is a great resource.
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people found the following review helpful. Great source of design details. By PoohkieBearA while back, Architectural Record would include design details in each of their issues, albeit just one or two enlarged details, and mostly tiny floor plans. This book is similar to those Architectural Record issues, but in a nicely condensed series of 52 different residential projects with select plans, details, background information and photos, and at much larger sizes for excellent viewing. The projects are separated by types of primary materials (concrete, steel, masonry, etc) and includes a index of types of details (door, glazing, roof, etc) as well as contact/address listings for the designers/architects. The big bonus of course, is that the details are available on a disk, in .EPS and .DWG formats, which are quite spectacular for further exploration of these designers' details. It is a very well organized and complete book; I have rarely found this level of detailing and documentation in other books, and I would highly recommend this book - especially since I was able to get it for the bargain price of \$20 - as a reference tool and the basis for an exploration of new ideas. If you are a detail-control-freak designer like I am, I think you would enjoy this book as well as I have. -footnote added 3/16/2010-After careful scrutiny of more details, I can tell you that there were apparently at least two different drawing editors, leading to drastically different levels of detailing and information. Further, errors in drafting and non-matching details to actual built work can be spotted in different projects, leading one to wonder about the quality control at some of these design firms. Some of the details are seemingly drawn for aesthetic sake instead of usable, working drawings; one should be careful when using these as reference material, as some - as drawn - are unusable, as if drawn by interns. Thus, I have down-ranked the book to 4 stars instead of 5.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It is what it says it is... a detail book. By Michael F. BlondinoMcLeod takes specific structures in Modern Architecture and provides sections and details about flashing, insulation, connection points. It's interesting if you understand architecture.

Architectural detailing makes a building unique and an architect outstanding. This book provides analysis of both the technical and the aesthetic importance of details in the development of contemporary domestic architecture from 2000 to 2005. Featuring many of the world's most highly acclaimed architects, the book presents over 50 of the most recently completed and influential house designs. For each house there are color photographs, plans of every floor, sections and elevations, and numerous construction details. The book also features in-depth information for each project, including the size, the client, the architectural project team, main consultants, and contractors. With CD-ROM.

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