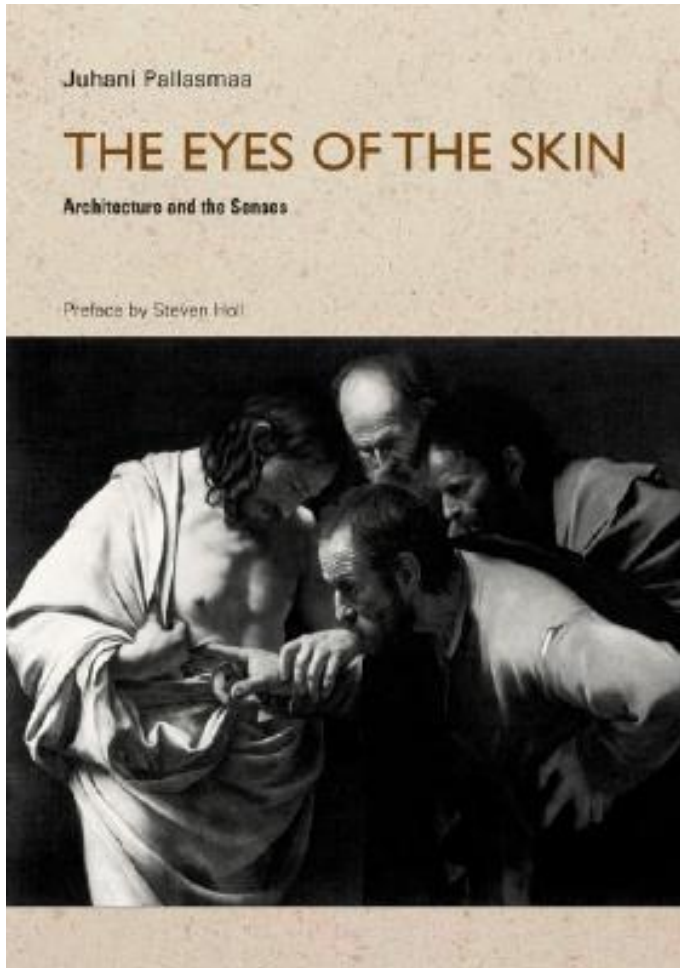


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**Juhani Pallasmaa**

**The Eyes of the Skin: Architecture and the Senses**



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## Description

Since the book's first publication, interest in the role of the body and the senses has been emerging in both architectural philosophy and teaching. This new, revised and extended edition of this seminal work will not only inspire architects and students to design more holistic architecture, but will enrich the general reader's perception of the world around them. *The Eyes of the Skin* has become a classic of architectural theory and consists of two extended essays. The first surveys the historical development of the ocular-centric paradigm in western culture since the Greeks, and its impact on the experience of the world and the nature of architecture. The second examines the role of the other senses in authentic architectural experiences, and points the way towards a multi-sensory architecture which facilitates a sense of belonging and integration.

## Insightful reviews

Mon: Everyone loves this book. Well, at least all the architects I know. But then my only 'friends' seem to all be designers, so not that much diversity of opinion there. Not that I don't try, but people tend to not respond well to 3am 'Maxwell just crashed at 17% The end is nigh!!!' texts.

I guess I should address my Goodreader friends as well. We're friends right?

Ok, so there isn't much I can say that hasn't been said or better yet, practiced by the likes of Zumthor and Holl. But, as if I actually need to convince you to read this, it's like saying 'No don't bother with *Ulysses*, it's pretty dismissible compared to, I don't know, every single work of literature out there or something.' *The Eyes of the Skin* is also incredibly short. Really - look at it, it actually fits in my bag. Pallasmaa: 1; Koolhaas: 0

I'm quite reserve about the computer bit (in fact, most of his writings on technology). There seems to be a misunderstanding of computer imaging as a purely evil Cartesian flattening of our souls, but digital representation can also be considered in non-visual terms or serves as a transformation of bodily boundary. As for the distance between the object/subject in a virtual dimension - well, I would like to cite Grosz in saying the body and its environment are mutually defining blah blah.

Wow, I sound pretty cynical here, maybe because I've met the guy and his speech was rather redundant. Anyway, great book, highly recommended for quotes and references with that essay you've been putting off for weeks.

Also highly recommended for optometrists. Glasses are so overpriced.

Annabel: Simply written and providing an understanding of the more visceral aspects of the

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design of spaces. Makes you pleased to be a sensory being. A celebration of the haptic rather than purely visual sense.

G: very good expressing the primacy of the sense of vision in the western world, at the expense of our experience of space and place through our other senses; something that has left us with a disconnect with our built environment.

0027310887: "Merleau-Ponty said, Cézanne aspired to 'make obvious how the realm touches us.'"

Rachel: i've been aspiring to learn this ever when you consider that we learn an excerpt in undergrad. it is a stunning little book, during which Pallasmaa discusses the issues with modern structure with regards to the hegemony of imaginative and prescient and the suppression of the opposite senses in modern day technologically centred culture. Succinct and clear, it is a friendly learn and that i trust so much of Pallasmaa's arguments.

Cindy Frewen Wuellner: no different books like this, the phenomenology or event of structure and space. a gorgeous essay, relatively proper compared to electronic space.

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