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Mies van der Rohe, master of modern architecture, declared that “Architecture starts when you carefully put two bricks together.” In *Travels in the History of Architecture*, renowned architectural writer Robert Harbison takes a closer look at these bricks, providing an engaging and concise companion to the great themes and aesthetic movements in architecture from antiquity to the present day.

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Original, yet authoritative, *Travels in the History of Architecture* will be an indispensable guide for everyone curious to know more about the world’s most famous structures, as well as for students of art and architectural history seeking a definitive introduction.

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