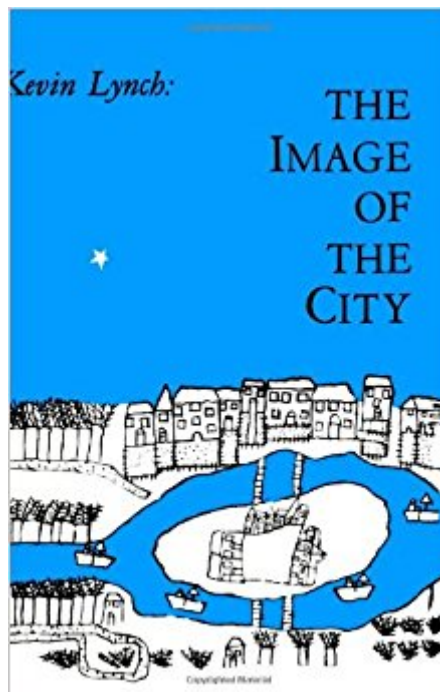


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# The Image Of The City



## Synopsis

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Lynch's methodology is really fascinating- he was basically the pioneer of mental mapping and this

research method shows up quite well in his piece. His claims about what makes cities legible to citizens can have huge implications in the way we arrange the urban fabric- from huge cultural monuments down to individual house numbering. My one complaint? Why is the text in this book SO SMALL!? Who thought it would be a good idea to include disproportionately large margins and (maybe smaller than) 8pt text? Thanks MIT. Other than that, a really fascinating look into normative planning strategy.

A must read for any student of urban planning and urban design. You cannot really participate in discussion of contemporary urban planning without it. It is clear and easy to read. It's not impossible to finish reading the book in a few hours. Also of interest for anyone interested in the human perception, especially of large, time-scale objects.

Good book, had more markings than expected. But they were helpful for studying, so I kept it.

I'm about a quarter of the way through this book now and it's a very interesting read. Though by now it's a bit dated (published in 1960), and it's not as well-known as Jacobs' 'Death and Life,' it's a relatively short and simple read that can add to one's knowledge of the city. From a planner's perspective, this is a good qualitative research work that relates many lessons about aesthetics and efficient layouts of some famous US cities. They are the kinds of lessons that don't perish over time. For anyone who's into city planning, this is a good reference.

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Interesting and useful insights.

Best Urban planning book!

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