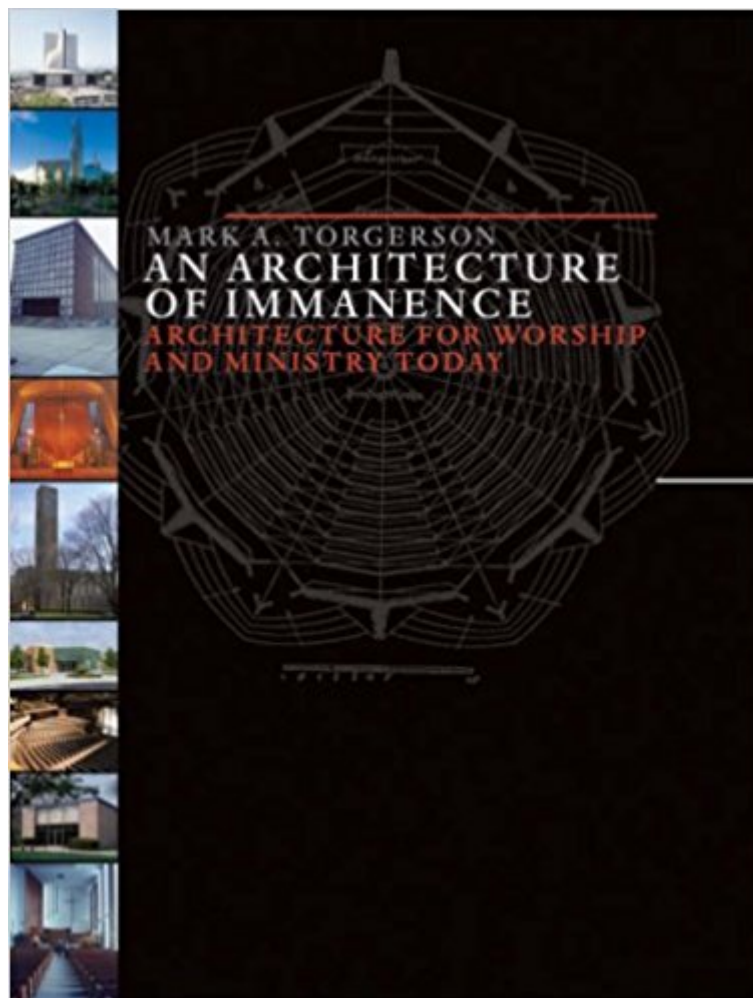




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Finally, a book that gives an understanding of church architecture in balance with the changes in emphasis in liturgical practice. This book was a pleasant surprise. My only complaint and it is a small one is that he falls short in projections for the future... but that is always hard to predict and now at the end of the first decade of the 21st Century, I think he could have said more.

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