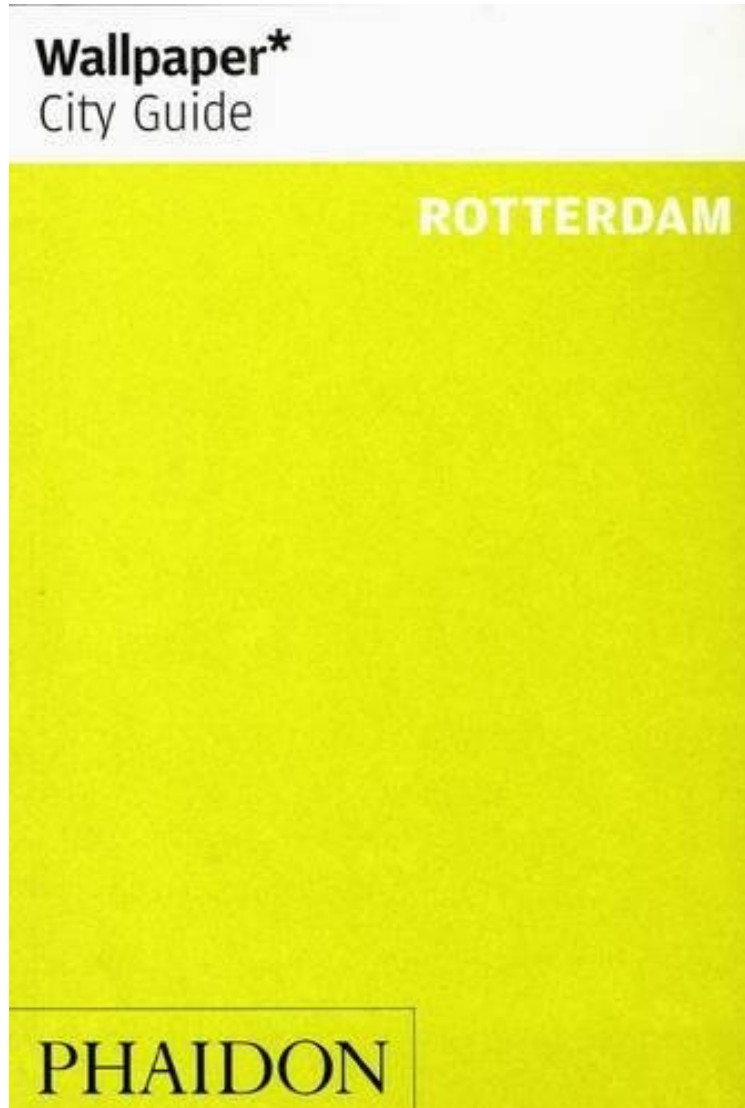


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Great Introduction To A Wonderful Modernist CityBy Robert I. HedgesRotterdam is one of my favorite European cities, and is an absolute must-see for any aficionado of modern architecture in particular. The city was almost completely destroyed by German bombing in May 1940, and after the war the city elected to pursue a well-planned and decidedly modernist approach to rebuilding. There are sadly very

few travel guides for Rotterdam, which is perpetually overshadowed by the very different Amsterdam less than an hour away. I like the Wallpaper guides in general because they are beautifully photographed and excel at being portable and capturing the true essence of a city in the smallest number of pages. I actually bought my copy of "Wallpaper City Guide: Rotterdam" in Rotterdam (at the wonderful Netherlands Architecture Institute, see p. 76) and was coming to the end of my four days spent in the city, so I didn't get to use it as much as I would have liked while I was there. Having said that, there are many things in the book that I saw and of those I agree with the assessments in the book wholeheartedly. The book also unveiled a few things that I didn't know about that have made me start planning my next trip. The book has some great ideas about hotels (I stayed most recently at the Westin, which is wonderful; it's mentioned in the introduction but not in the main body of the text) and restaurants. I cannot wait to go back to dine at Restaurant Ivy (p. 37,) and sample the molecular gastronomy-intensive menu of François Geurds (pigeon and benzaldehyde, anyone?) The book is not a comprehensive guidebook, so planning with other sources will still be required. Having said that, the book is very small and is good for actually traversing the city, just don't expect any detailed maps. One trifle about formatting in these guides is that primary information about a given place is presented in the appropriate section of the book, but for addresses and prices, etc., you need to flip to the back of the book ("Resources.") It's not a huge deal, but it would be more convenient if it were all presented together; on the other hand it makes comparing prices a bit easier. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great introduction to Rotterdam By Ann Higginbotham I knew nothing about Rotterdam. This little guide gives me a lot to go on. I will definitely use this when I visit the city.

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