

tions and problems geared to the investigation by the reader of local resources and practices. Annotated citations suggest additional readings. Figures are helpful in illustrating concepts such as "commonly found encroachments." Many charts show how laws vary from state to state, although details and updating for constant changes are not possible. Boldface type and an index glossary make the book easy to use for quick reference. Readers are shown how forms and documents are used in the real estate business via completed samples with important points numbered and subsequently discussed in the text. Most information is current through 1976, including the Tax Reform Act, RESPA revisions, Section 8, but not the changes resulting from the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act.

A companion book with additional questions, problems and situations, written by Harwood with John T. Ellis, *Real Estate Principles Resource Book*, is available from the same publisher.

Newmark, Norma L., and Thompson, Patricia, J. *Self, Space and Shelter: An Introduction to Housing* (San Francisco: Canfield Press [Harper & Row], 1977) 508 pages, \$12.95 clothbound.

This text is organized into macro (broader) and micro (personal) environmental views, with both theory and practice of housing and emphasis on two predominant themes: the study of housing in 1) an ecological framework, and as 2) a unique human and family concern. Housing is described as the shell or boundary between these interdependent elements: family as ecosystem and city as ecosystem. "Macro-chapters" include: housing in the human, cross-cultural, and urban perspectives; American housing history; cities and housing; problems of urban-suburban living; and housing and public policy. Chapters directed to the personal housing situation are: housing market; type and tenure options; investing in shelter; the design process; architectural statements; the near

environment; managing living space; and future prospects.

Relative newcomers to housing education, the authors have attempted to cover the "housing waterfront," and in so doing, provide one text for courses forced to be broad and brief. Unique features reflect a family relations, cross-cultural, and historical orientation and include frequent reference to the changing position of women. An 11-page index gives indication of the all-inclusive nature: from Egyptian cities in 5000 B.C. to O'Neill's space settlements; from dumbbell tenements to communes; and from zoning out Chinese laundries to the elimination of the flush toilet. The scope is worldwide, but with an understandable emphasis on New York City and its environs.

There is much information, including some trivia and some things mentioned without definition or explanation. Although preferred by this editor to readings-only anthologies, the text is occasionally disjointed and repetitious. Current issues and developments include solar housing and *Borass v. Belle Terre*, yet a discussion of federal subsidy programs does not include Section 8, and home financing examples use a \$20,000 unit. Mini-readings (apparently chosen and excerpted for easy readability rather than factual depth), plus cartoons, thought-provoking quotations introducing each chapter and a glossary will encourage student interest. These, plus limited chapter notes and a broad, general bibliography, include sources not usually seen in housing texts and which may be hard for students to pursue where library holdings are limited: primarily *HUD Challenge*, the *New York Times*, and other secondary sources. Finally, the most significant omission is documentation; most tables, charts, illustrations, as well as much text information, do not include credit where apparently due. The instructor may recognize information from other publications, while the student may not be aware of additional resource opportunities for further study on a particular topic.

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