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The roots of environmental aesthetics reach back to the ideas of eighteenth-century thinkers who found nature an ideal source of aesthetic experience. Today, having blossomed into a significant subfield of aesthetics, environmental aesthetics studies and encourages the appreciation of not just natural environments but also human-made and human-modified landscapes. Nature and Landscape is an important introduction to this rapidly growing area of aesthetic understanding and appreciation. Allen Carlson begins by tracing the development of the field's historical background, and then surveys contemporary positions on the aesthetics of nature, such as scientific cognitivism, which holds that certain kinds of scientific knowledge are necessary for a full appreciation of natural environments. Carlson next turns to environments that have been created or changed by humans and the dilemmas that are posed by the appreciation of such landscapes. He examines how to aesthetically appreciate a variety of urban and rural landscapes and concludes with a discussion of whether there is, in general, a correct way to aesthetically experience the environment. Author: Carlson, Allen Publisher: Columbia University Press Illustration: Y Language: ENG Title: Nature and Landscape: An Introduction to Environmental Aesthetics Pages: 00208 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2008-10-06 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780231140416 Lib Category: Nature (Aesthetics) Lib Category: Landscape assessment Category: Philosophy : Aesthetics

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