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What are the links between environment and world view? Topophilia, the affective bond between people and place, is the primary theme of this book that examines environmental perceptions and values at different levels: the species, the group, and the individual.

Yi-Fu Tuan holds culture and environment and topophilia and environment as distinct in order to show how they mutually contribute to the formation of values. *Topophilia* examines the search for environment in the city, suburb, countryside, and wilderness from a dialectical perspective, distinguishes different types of environmental experience, and describes their character.

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### **Adrienne says**

This did not hold my attention and I definitely did some skimming.

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### **Beth says**

Not reading because I mainly skimmed it- but it was a pretty heavy skim and I liked what I saw.

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### **Andrew says**

I'm a bit skeptical of the theory (which is solidly in line with the tradition of Bachelard, Levi-Strauss, and Eliade), but he writes like an angel. His observations may come off as a bit simplistic, a bit reliant on structuralist fallacy, but on the whole it's a very satisfying read.

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### **====D says**

Not sure what makes this book anything more than a bunch of descriptions of cities, historical and current, despite the author's constant invoking of random cultural trivia such as what colors are associated with what directions and elements. Highly suspect along with much of the crap written under the post-modernist banner, although some of the stuff in this book was interesting.

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### **Lee Barry says**

A great little book resonant with "A Pattern Language" (Alexander). "Poetics of Space" (Bachelard) "The Shape of Time" (Kubler), books by Jane Jacobs, and even JH Kunstler ("Geography of Nowhere"). This book is about all the Somewheres and Nowheres throughout history.

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### **Robin says**

Simple but brilliant. One of my favourite books.

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### **Paula Soper says**

Not only is this book spot on for my proposal/dissertation, it's interesting!

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### **Chris J says**

I have wanted to read this book for probably five years. It finally came due in my rotation and I was excited to read Topophilia as I have been for few books. I was, to be honest, a little disappointed. Not that it's a bad book. I think I over-hyped it in my mind. I have read other articles and another book by Tuan and was very impressed by his attention and care for the micro - the overlooked aspects of everyday culture, and by his voice for the geography of children, the family, and the home.

His chapter on topophilia is classic and the best aspect of this book. Everything else to me either sounded like something I had heard before or simply did not capture my interest. I had higher hopes for this book probably than I ever have for a work of academic geography. I think I simply expected the moon.

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### **Amanda says**

I just read a chapter from this book for a class on cultural geography, and am intrigued. Topophilia: human love of place. I'll read it some day...

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### **Yeshmanthi Ekanayake says**

A must read for the whole human race.

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