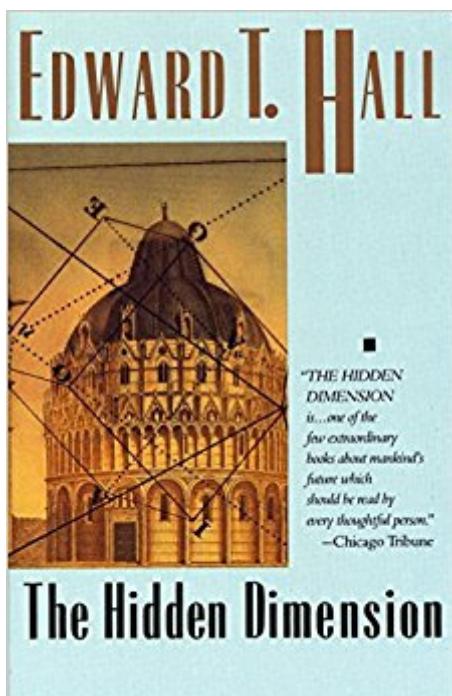


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I discovered this book some decades ago when I was researching a college paper. It has some amazing insights about our own biology and anthropology and how we related to each other and the space around us in every day life. Remembering a book for 40 years and then jumping on it when I found it again, I have to give it five stars.

Hall is a scholar and thoughtful author who writes in a style that anyone can follow. It is about our unconscious relationships to each other and the universe.

Anyone interested in anthropology, this is a great read. The ideas of anthropology of space (aka proxemics) are laid down in a clear and precise format. Plus, it's a short and easy read.

This is a fascinating book which examines concepts such as territoriality, smell, touch, thermal heat in the context of space and how different cultures organize and interact with space. The author also examines how intercultural issues with space contribute to a lot of the conflicts that occur with people. Reading this book has presented me some new perspectives about space and how I interact with others in my own space, as well as ways to respect the space of other people better. Cultural space is explored in particular depth to show how even the living spaces of different culture varies due to how people in a given culture interact with space. Overall a very insight and revealing book about the relationship of space to how we live and interact.

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