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### Review

*The Manual of Museum Planning* became a museum classic the moment it rolled off the press. (*Museum International*, (Unesco))

*The Manual of Museum Planning* second edition, should continue to be the definitive work on the subject. .... At the base of any successful museum development and construction project ... is a thorough planning process. This book provides the tools to make sure that happens. (Lawrence Sommer, Nebraska State Historical Society *Nebraska History*)

*The Manual of Museum Planning* is an excellent reference.... I recommend this book to institutions and organizations that are not only embarking on a renovation or construction project but also to those whose daily function it is to manage, preserve, and interpret cultural heritage. (Angela J. Neller, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *Illinois Archaeology*)

As a museum director presently involved in a permanent exhibition construction project, I found the book particularly valuable for the reflection it occasioned on the planning process for concept formulation, fundraising feasibility, project management and cost control. I found myself taking notes, critiquing what was now behind us and assigning readings to other staff members as a means of improving procedures. Although at times primarily directed to the new and major large museum project, the advice is equally applicable to small and medium sized museums. (Lawrence Grant, Guelph Museums *Ontario Museum Association Journal*)

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