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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. the newest classic in environmental psychology By Frederico F. P. Barreto Aragonés, Franciscato and Garling have organized an excellent volume with the main roles investigated by modern research in the environmental psychology of residential settings. Since the classical oeuvre "The Handbook of Environmental Psychology" (1987) edited by Stokols and Altman (and the excellent work inside made by Tognoly

about that huge topic) there were few other literary accomplishments like that one. As an architect I am specially interested in those researches linking "without fear of the inherent complexity" the physical and functional and psychological variables in residential environment planning - and some of the chapters (like the chapter 9, "Spatial-Physical Neighborhoods Affecting Social Interactions among Neighbors") are well written and founded, helpful, and "within call" to a major transcultural and trans-professional discussion. I personally recommend that book to my dearest colleagues, the ones wrestling in that difficult area of social work service in which the architect is so needed.

Housing fulfills a basic human need for shelter. It protects us from the weather and from hostile intruders. Often it is an expression of personal identity and social status. A home is a major personal financial investment and housing is an important part of the economy. The home is also invested with profound psychological and social meaning. It helps meet our needs to feel rooted and to belong. It is a center of privacy, a refuge from the world, and at the same time the place where we interact with our family, friends, and acquaintances. As such the home is an important factor in personal and social development, particularly in childhood. Because of the complex role of housing in human life, residential environments are an important area of study in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, architecture, economics, environmental design, geography, psychology, and sociology. The dwelling is the nucleus around which the discourse about residential environments is articulated, but it is not its only component. Residential environments also involve other elements such as the neighborhood, neighbors, and the larger urban community. This multidisciplinary study of residential environments conveys the complex nature of people's experiences with their residences, neighborhoods, and communities.

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