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An illustrated field guide to the technology that keeps our cities and towns working.

The Spotter's Guide to Urban Engineering is a useful identification tool to the mysteries of how our cities are built and work.

Each spread identifies an example of urban engineering and describes what it is, how it works and why it is there. Annotated diagrams explain the technology, and location maps indicate noteworthy real-world examples. Most importantly for spotters, the book gives advice on how to identify these features and tips on where to spot them.

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The Spotter's Guide to Urban Engineering provides lay readers with a fascinating introduction to the technology that underpins modern life. Those contemplating a career in civil engineering will find the book of particular interest.

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