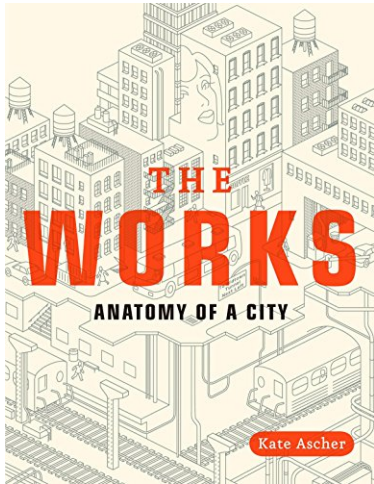


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-*Time Out New York*

"It's a rare person who won't find something of interest in *The Works*, whether it's an explanation of how a street-sweeper works or the view of what's down a manhole."

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