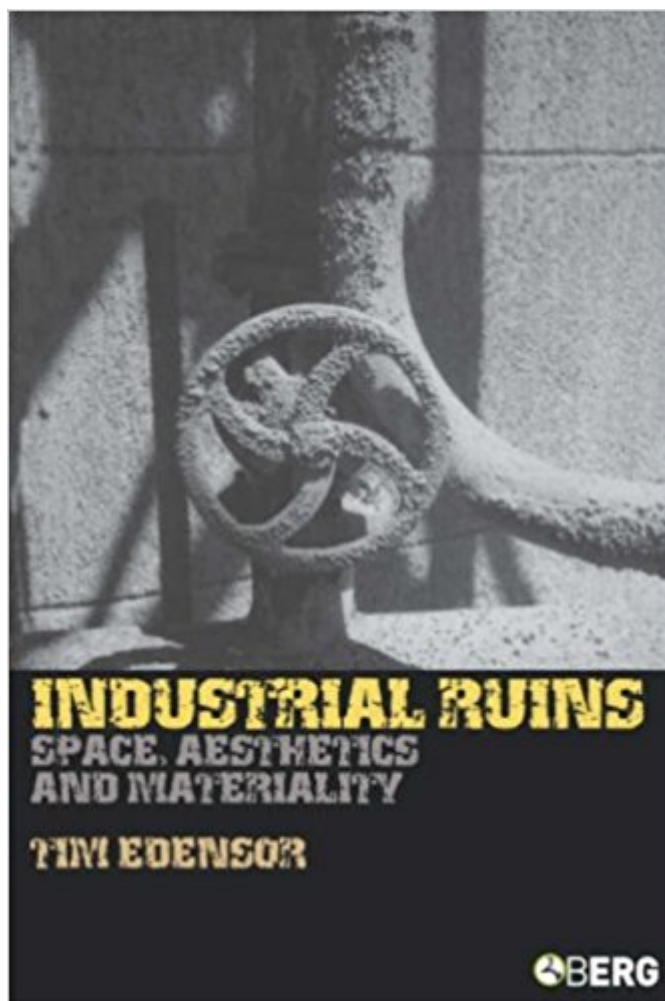


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# Industrial Ruins: Space, Aesthetics And Materiality



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