

Friends with an Old Book

The title of my book is „Cours d'architecture : qui comprend les Ordres de [Jacques Barozzio, dit Le] Vignole, avec des commentaires, les figures & les descriptions de ses plus beaux bâtimens, & de ceux de Michel-Ange, des instructions et des préceptes & plusieurs nouveaux desseins concernans la distribution & la décoration, la matière & la construction des édifices, la maçonnerie, la charpenterie, la couverture, la serrurerie, la menuiserie, le jardinage, & généralement tout ce qui regarde l'art de bastir / par C. A. [i.e. Augustin-Charles] d'Aviler“. So the book gives insight in architecture according to the orders of Vignole. The book must be meant for architects and students of architecture.

The book is split in five to six long chapters and has a short introduction. It mainly talks about the five orders and shows an interesting amount of ancient columns and entrances.

The images give insight about the composition of the columns and show several descriptions about separate parts.

I would consider „Cours d'architecture qui comprend les ordres de Vignole“ a large book. It is pretty balanced in length and broad, so it doesn't look different than a normal sized book in the pictures. The fact that it is large maybe tells that it contains important knowledge about architecture, because otherwise people wouldn't have printed it in this size.

The autor of the book is Augustin Charles d'Aviler who was a french architect. D'Aviler lived in the 17th century.