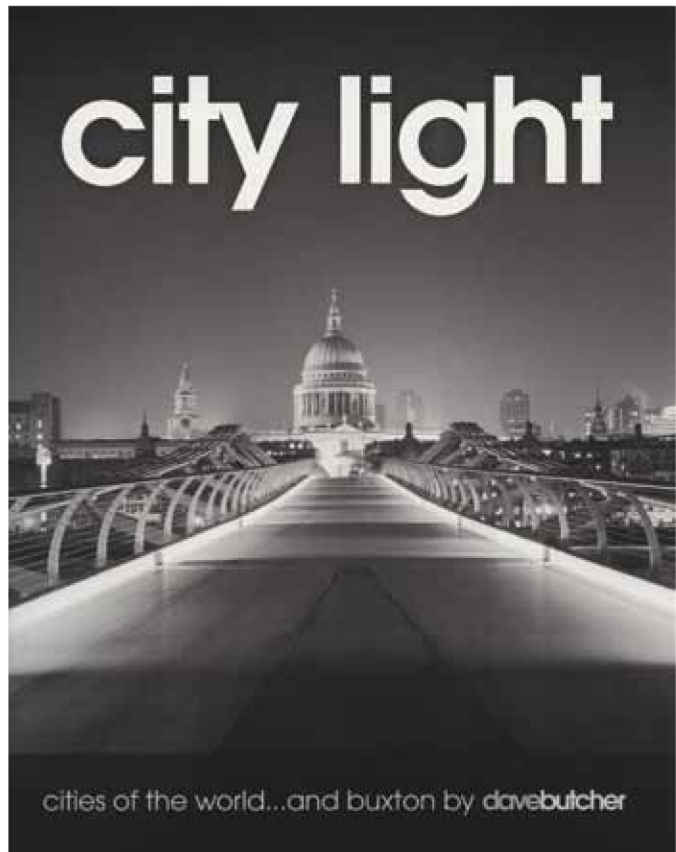




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by Dave Butcher

The strap-line to *City Light* is 'cities of the world...and buxton'. Only Dave Butcher would think of that one, it typifies his sense of humour! The images are an atlas of many cities of the world (and Buxton) all shot on black and white film using either a Mamiya 6 or Mamiya 7. As befits an ex-Ilford employee, only films from them are used throughout the entire 80 pages involving 126 images in total.

The book is arranged geographically: UK, Europe, the Far East and America. The 126 images are given plenty of breathing space – single pages dominate, a couple of double-page spreads and the rest between two and four per page. On the evidence shown Buxton can keep its end up with any of the big cities in the world!

The images are straight shots with occasional assistance from a filter – that is what the pure monochrome genre is all about. They do, however, reflect the care and planning that went into them. Some are historically important already – Dave Butcher might be one of the few professional photographers to capture the fated Christchurch Cathedral before it was wrecked by the November 2010 earthquake. Even if it is substantially rebuilt (and that is not a given) it will never look the same again.

Overall then a book of really well crafted images that would grace anybody's coffee table and a good reference for the architectural student.

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