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Praise for "The Memory Palace" Architect Hollis ("The Secret Lives of Buildings") dazzles and dizzies the reader in this cultural history of interiors...Like the interiors he's celebrating, Hollis's book is a meeting place of ideas, history, objects, and personal interpretation...the results are deeply satisfying."--"Publishers Weekly" "Eloquent and evocative evidence of the evanescence of all."--"Kirkus"

About the Author

Born in London in 1970, **Edward Hollis** studied Architecture at the universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh before joining a practice, working first on ruins and follies in Sri Lanka and then on villas, brewiers and town halls in Scotland. He teaches at Edinburgh College of Art.

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