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The physics of elegance.

It's a feeling we've all had before: that a strange beauty resides in the objects dotting our daily lives. It seems to be the fruit of a natural or intentional order, an underlying organization, but also a function not always apparent to us.

In this largely wordless book, the authors, physicists at ESPCI-Paris (École supérieure of physics and industrial chemistry) teach us to see the world around us anew, revealing science everywhere at work. From the Renaissance master carpentry of Azay-le-Rideau to soap bubbles, a ball of crumpled paper to an ivy-covered bridge, this book's 35 themes all partake in a wondrous elegance of form.