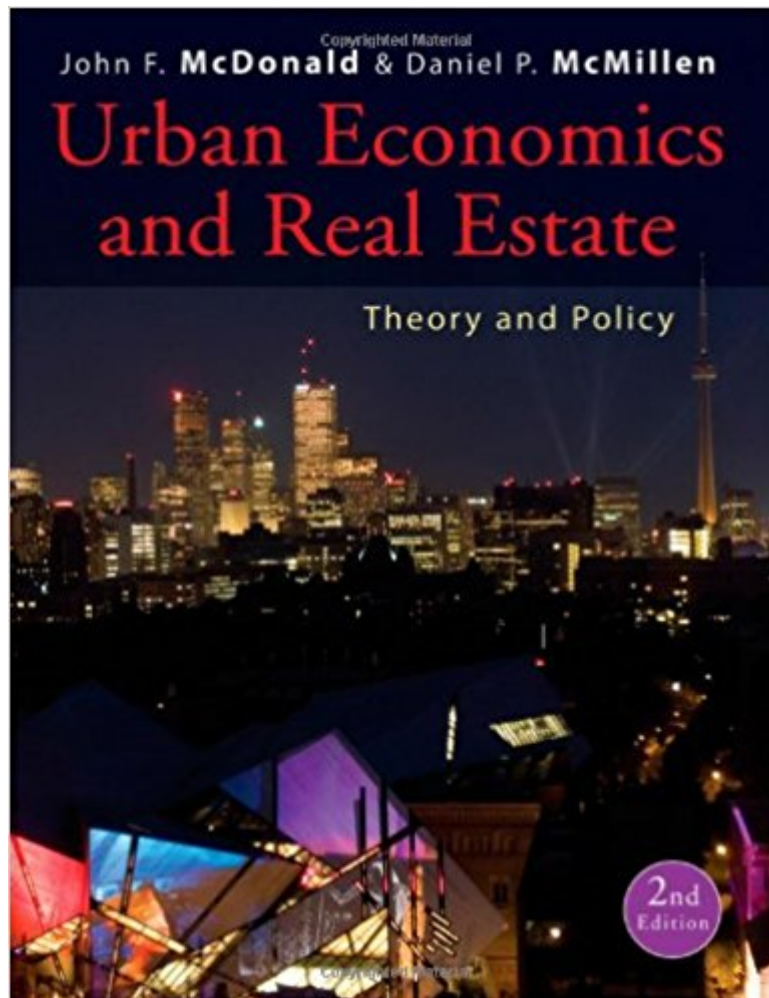




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Nice book for undergraduate teaching. Full of intuitions and examples. The part on the monocentric model and gradients, the structure of cities is particularly interesting.

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