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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

Essential reading for students and practitioners of urban design, this Reader brings together the key works that have provided the foundations for the place-making view of urban design. The collection introduces six key Dimensions of Urban Design and supplements these with discussions of what urban design means, and how it is implemented.

Compiled and edited by two of the authors of the seminal *Public Places Urban Spaces*, the Reader includes a wide range of contemporary texts in urban design. Many essays are crucial distillations of key areas of urban design knowledge, while others debate the theories behind successful urban design concepts. These classic texts - including works by Jan Gehl, Jane Jacobs, Kevin Lynch, Gordon Cullen and many others - are referred to time and time again by urban designers and are a constant source of guidance. Unlike other books of collected works, the essays are presented substantially in their original form, and organised thematically.

The Urban Design Reader offers not just an insight into the theory and practice of urban design using the work of some of the most influential writers of the last fifty years, but an inspiration to explore deeper and further.

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