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Interpreting basic buildings Caniggia Gianfranco 2017-09-11 This volume codifies the method to read building structures that have appeared in the past as 'spontaneous consciousness' level in a progression of scalar sizes ranging from buildings and clusters of buildings to urban organisms and the territory. Focusing on past architecture is the field of 'process classification' that is the key to using history in working as architects in the modern world. We wish to extract the laws of behaviour, formation and mutation of manmade structuring on the various scales of man's work as we consider this knowledge to be the only possible solution to the architectural crisis that has dragged on for over two centuries. It results in planning based on reviving the tradition of 'producing' buildings not as a dogmatic adaptation to past building methods but intended to contemporaneously fit our work into the continuity of laws and behaviour codified in our cultural area; these laws can only be understood and consequently by carefully reading the built environment that surrounds us.

[Business Buildings in Atlanta](#) Elizabeth Anne Mack Lyon 1980

Urban Intensities Peter G. Rowe 2014-08-20 Accomodation of diversity and the creation of urban density are a focus of world-wide building and planning activities today. This book combines the architectural and urban scales to demonstrate that it is a specific quality, urban intensity,

which determines the success of housing. The authors provide a typology of housing according to the ways in which diversity and density are created. Comparisons with historical models and critical appraisals based on the authors' unique standing give ample information on the pros and cons of major types of housing, their pitfalls and successful examples. Newly created sets of drawings, from floor plans to spectacular 3D aerial views of the buildings in their urban contexts, accompany each of the more than twenty case studies that are described and analyzed in detail. The approach taken here relates to many pressing issues in contemporary housing, including the avoidance of urban sprawl, the revival of city centers and the ongoing search for innovative housing types.

The Spaces Between Buildings Larry Ford 2000-08 Three photographic essays offer a study of the neglected "nooks and crannies" between structures, from gates and fences to sidewalks, alleys, and parking lots. In his exploration of how spaces become places, geographer Ford invites readers to see anew the spaces they encounter every day and often take for granted. 52 halftones.

High Rise Buildings and Urban Form Jaqueline Tyrwhitt 1961
Building Urban Resilience through Change of Use Sara J. Wilkinson 2018-04-30 Describes all aspects of sustainable conversion adaptation of existing buildings and provides solutions for making urban settlements

resilient to climate change This comprehensive book explores the potential to change the character of cities with residential conversion of office space in order to withstand the negative effects of climate change. It investigates the nature and extent of sustainable conversion in a number of global cities, as well as the political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal drivers and barriers to successful conversion. The book also identifies the key lessons learned through international comparisons with cases in the UK, US, Australia, and the Netherlands. Building Urban Resilience Through Change of Use covers the benefits and aspects of sustainable conversion adaptation through the whole lifecycle from inception, planning, and design, to procurement, construction, and management and operational issues. It illustrates and quantifies, through empirical research, the changes that have been achieved or delivered in sustainable conversion adaptation. The book gives an overview of all aspects of performance characteristics and the conversion adaptation of existing buildings. In the end, it enables planners to make more informed decisions about whether conversion adaptation is a good choice—and if so, which types of sustainability measures are best suited for projects. Provides detailed, empirical knowledge based on real-world research undertaken in five countries over three continents on both a citywide scale and on individual buildings Case studies and exemplars demonstrate the application of the knowledge in North and South America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and in Europe Addresses the key themes of technology, finance and procurement, and the regulatory framework The first research-based book to examine how to improve resilience to climate change through sustainable reuse of buildings, Building Urban Resilience Through Change of Use is a welcome book for researchers and academics involved in building surveying, urban development, and sustainability planning.

X-Urbanism Mario Gandelsonas 1999 Examines configurations of urban space, analyzing them in ways that blur the traditional opposition between figure and ground.

Sustainable High Rise Buildings in Urban Zones Ali Sayigh

2016-12-08 This unique reference gathers numerous new studies examining specific, prominent high-rise buildings around the world. Each nuanced study included undertakes the following pivotal considerations: environmental impacts; safety & social acceptability; energy consumption and comfort; planning contexts within the urban zone; physical footprint and size; services and risks; and a careful assessment of advantages and challenges. Architects and engineers exploring and optimizing sustainable building practices, energy managers, municipal and private project planners, as well as students will find edification and inspiration in the analysis provided by esteemed practitioners and professors within this fascinating volume.

Smart and Sustainable Cities and Buildings Rob Roggema 2020-05-11 This book brings together the papers presented at the Smart and Sustainable Built Environments Conference, 2018 (SASBE). This latest research falls into two tracks: smart and sustainable design and planning cities; and the technicalities of smart and sustainable buildings. The growth of smart cities is evident, but not always linked to sustainability. This book gives an overview of the latest academic developments in increasing the smartness and sustainability of our cities and buildings. Aspects such as inclusivity, smart cities, place and space, the resilient city, urbanity and urban ecology are prominently featured in the design and planning part of the book; while energy, educational buildings, comfort, building design, construction and performance form the sub-themes of the technical part of the book. This book will appeal to urban designers, architects, urban planners, smart city designers and sustainable building experts.

Skyscraper Gothic Kevin D. Murphy 2017-06-08 Of all building types, the skyscraper strikes observers as the most modern, in terms not only of height but also of boldness, scale, ingenuity, and daring. As a phenomenon born in late nineteenth-century America, it quickly became emblematic of New York, Chicago, and other major cities. Previous studies of these structures have tended to foreground examples of more evincing modernist approaches, while those with styles reminiscent of the great Gothic cathedrals of Europe were initially disparaged as being

antimodernist or were simply unacknowledged. Skyscraper Gothic brings together a group of renowned scholars to address the medievalist skyscraper—from flying buttresses to dizzying spires; from the Chicago Tribune Tower to the Woolworth Building in Manhattan. Drawing on archival evidence and period texts to uncover the ways in which patrons and architects came to understand the Gothic as a historic style, the authors explore what the appearance of Gothic forms on radically new buildings meant urbanistically, architecturally, and socially, not only for those who were involved in the actual conceptualization and execution of the projects but also for the critics and the general public who saw the buildings take shape. Contributors: Lisa Reilly on the Gothic skyscraper ● Kevin Murphy on the Trinity and U.S. Realty Buildings ● Gail Fenske on the Woolworth Building ● Joanna Merwood-Salisbury on the Chicago School ● Katherine M. Solomonson on the Tribune Tower ● Carrie Albee on Atlanta City Hall ● Anke Koeth on the Cathedral of Learning ● Christine G. O'Malley on the American Radiator Building

Second Century of the Skyscraper Council on Tall Buildings & Urban 2012-12-06 tenant is looming in importance. The owner is having more influence on the building. As Gerald D. Hines has said, there are indications that the desire for more discretionary time will lead to more residential high-rises close to or in the midst of downtown office buildings. Downtown living could become the desired alternative. Tall buildings will be approached increasingly from the standpoint of an urban ecology - that what happens to a part can influence the whole. Providing for public as well as private needs in a tall building project is just one example (facilities for schools, shops, religious, and other needs). More attention will be paid to maintaining streets as lively and interesting places. Will a new "world's tallest" be built? Will we go a mile high? The answer is probably "yes" to the first, "no" to the second. With the recent spate of super-tall buildings on the drawing boards, going to greater heights was in the back of many people's minds at the Chicago conference. But in the United States, at least, buildings of 70 to 80 stories would appear to provide needed space consistent with economy. The future, then, is described in depth by papers that go into specific

areas.

Urban Form Definition In Urban Planning Luz Valente-Pereira 2014-12-15 It is necessary to explore the scale of urban planning with the subject matter of architecture, which does not stop at building designs. Neither does it become urban just because architects design blocks of buildings and the outdoors space between. The urban space must be a pre-existence with respect to building projects, which shall successively interpret and carry it out. Knowledge and means at our disposal must also be determined in terms of physical planning as to define, establish, and/or issue standards for an urban space. The creation of this architectural object - urban space - requires a reformulation of understanding methods and transmitting the outdoors space's form independently from the building project, which shall interpret the latter and carry it out. Those subjects send us to different kinds of problems: To clarify the town concepts of designers and citizens; To know the relation between the town concept and its physical expression; To define the formal expression of urban planning; To discuss the morphology characteristics that translate the town concept to be implemented; To adapt professional practices to new architectonic responsibilities. In this paper we develop an approach to the relation between the town concept and its physical expression, as well as the form characteristics that will be established in urban plans.

Energy and Urban Built Form Dean Hawkes 2012-12-02 Energy and Urban Built Form contains the papers that were presented at the International Seminar on Urban Built Form and Energy Analysis, held at Darwin College in Cambridge on June 26 and 27, 1986. The seminar focused on energy use in the built environment at an intermediate scale, between individual buildings and cities, where urban and architectural factors interact. It also covers the simulation and analysis of the performance of groups of buildings, from city blocks and industrial developments to mixed-use urban developments, housing estates, and stocks of buildings such as schools and houses. Organized into four parts encompassing 13 chapters, this volume describes techniques for calculating and minimizing energy consumption in groups of buildings,

cities or entire regions. It first provides an overview of mathematical models, as well as approaches to the computation of the energy demand or energy-related properties of housing designs or groups of buildings. It then explores the politics of energy and the built environment, the mechanisms by which technical developments may be translated into effective action, and the energy efficiency of the urban built form. The reader is also introduced to passive solar scenarios for the UK domestic sector, intermediate-scale energy initiatives in the United Kingdom, thermal efficiency of building clusters, and glazed courtyards as an element of the low-energy city. This book is a valuable resource for city planners and engineers, scientists, and anyone interested in energy conservation.

Residential Buildings Günter Pfeifer 2015-04-28 The systematic development of building types is an important task in housing construction. A deeper understanding of the underlying building types is mandatory, both for individual designs and for the wider application and variation of tried-and-tested structures. The authors have developed an innovative, drawing-based approach for unfolding the potentials of several existing building types for the future of urban housing. The first part is dedicated to the courtyard house, in which the courtyard is used as a private outside living space. The second part deals with the popular form of the terraced house and discusses aspects of corner solutions or terraced developments as an urban design element. In the third part, the townhouse is discussed with view to variants such as single-story and apartment buildings, including aspects of privacy and public access, as well as living and working. Finally, the detached house type is considered in its potential to provide all-directional orientation of the living space. The array of solutions is presented consistently in floorplans and cross-sections drawn to scale. In a new introduction to this all-in-one compendium the authors discuss the implications of the typological approach for today's housing design.

Cities and Buildings Larry Ford 1994-04 Writing in a conversational rather than a scholarly style, with a minimum of footnotes, urban geographer Ford bypasses the usual census data and socioeconomic

categories to write about "real" American cities and buildings--tying together architectural and social history on the one hand, and some fundamental spatial patterns and processes on the other--for urban geographers, social scientists, and other students of the American urban scene. Includes numerous black and white photos. Paper edition (unseen), \$19.95. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Proceedings, Second Conference on Tall Buildings in Seismic Regions Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat 1991

Eco Skyscrapers II Ken Yeang 2011 This publication focuses on sustainability within the architecture and design of eco skyscrapers.

The Urban Towers Handbook Eric Firley 2011-06-20 The Urban Towers Handbook Eric Firley and Julie Gimbal with Philippe Honnorat For well over a century, the modern skyscraper has provided an ingenious solution to high-density living and working - accommodating the greatest number of people in a building with a minimal footprint. In the contemporary context of drastic urban growth, its role can only gain in importance. The question is how to avoid past mistakes and how to conceive the tower as a positive component of an existing or newly created urban fabric. In a thoroughly analytical and comparative way The Urban Towers Handbook provides answers to these questions and serves as a reference book and design tool for architects, planners and developers alike. Its comprehensive graphic documentation includes not only aerials and to-scale plans and sections, but also purpose-made photography, drawings and diagrams. The core of the book is made up of over fifty case studies which have been classified according to three major typological groups and their respective sub-groups: solitaires, clusters and vertical cities. Twenty-one of these examples feature detailed documentation, including classics such as the Rockefeller Center in Manhattan and Torre Velasca in Milan, as well as contemporary milestones such as Roppongi Hills in Tokyo and the making of Sheikh Zayed Road in Dubai. Among others, several districts in Hong Kong, Shanghai and São Paulo have been analysed as existing examples of vertical cities. The case studies section of the book is consolidated by a second section that outlines high-rise regulations in

seven cities around the world, and highlights how planning authorities use tall buildings for the realisation of their urban goals and visions. The third and final section of the book addresses the uneasy relationship between high-rise structures and sustainability, placing the emphasis on the urban implications.

The Skyscraper and the City Lynn S. Beedle 2007 This work is a broad-ranging survey of high-rise architecture which touches on many issues that define the character and social and economic role of this important building type. The history and theory of high-rise design, along with programmatic, structural, social, financial, operational, and urban issues are all covered in a comprehensive and insightful way.

The American Skyscraper Roberta Moudry 2005-05-09 Publisher Description

Green Walls in High-Rise Buildings Antony Wood, Payam Bahrami & Daniel Safarik 2014-08-29 The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat has produced four Technical Guides to date, since the series launched in late 2012. Each of these guides is the product of a CTBUH Working Group—committees formed specifically to address focused topical subjects in the industry. The intention of each guide is the same—to provide working knowledge to the typical building owner or professional who wants a better understanding of available options for improving tall buildings, and what affects their design. The object of the series is to provide a tool-kit for the creation of better-performing tall buildings, and to spread the understanding of the considerations that need to be made in designing tall. This technical guide offers an extensive overview of the use of vertical vegetation in high-rise buildings, an indepth analysis of green walls, definitions and typology, including standards, policies and incentives. It features comprehensive case studies, along with architectural theories of the public and private benefits of green walls. The book delves into architect-design considerations and limitations, the effects of green walls on energy efficiencies and includes recommendations and future research.

Ropeless Elevator Systems Martina Belmonte 2019-05-13 Skyscrapers may be our most powerful tool in providing dense, energy-efficient living

for a rapidly urbanizing population, but this typology faces certain limitations inherent to its traditional form, namely, the lack of interplay between tower, urban context, and community. Through a historical overview, case study analysis, and a series of design considerations, this report explores how ropeless and multidirectional elevator technologies can enable cities to be more interconnected, efficient, and accessible. Running on a series of seamless loops, and powered by magnetic levitation, ropeless and multidirectional elevator cabins could follow a multiplicity of routes within a given building, not only reducing the quantity of shafts needed and increasing rentable area, but also allowing elevators more options in terms of where they stop across a building's dimensions. When paired with skybridges and "skyspaces," at-height services and communities could be easily linked with one another, bolstering the critical link between a piece of architecture and the urban sphere, while combating some of the insularity endemic to skyscrapers. This Research Report is the product of two years of research by the CTBUH Research Office in Venice, CTBUH Staff, professionals in the field, and a research team of architecture and supporting academic advisors. It is part of a series of research reports that offer insight into specific areas of skyscraper research, offering a wealth of knowledge essential for industry professionals, academic researchers and all others interested in the relationship between skyscrapers and urban habitat.

Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat Lynn Beadle 2001-11-22 This book, the result of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat 6th World Congress: Cities in the Third Millennium, examines the issues which must be addressed if we are to have a common understanding of the forces of change. Experts in architecture, engineering and planning contribute a commentary on the existing condition of urban design,

Revitalizing City Districts Hebatalla Abouelfadl 2017-01-16 This book explores the consequences of change in the urban form, the amalgam of the urban space and buildings and on the processes leading to planning and design. Urban form and its fabric result from a multitude of individual interests, ideas and decisions which in turn result in specific and locally diverse spatial arrangements. These processes which are

shaping our built environment are embedded in and determined by different contexts of political, cultural and social-economic norms and values. Urban development and the transformation of urban structures are triggered by technological innovations, laws and taxes, new behaviors or the impact of environmental conditions as well as other factors. Based on case studies from Egypt and the Middle East, together with some cases from Germany and Turkey, this book covers a wide range of change processes focused on historic and inner city districts.

How to Read Skyscrapers Edward Denison 2019-04 Throughout history, the story of the skyscraper has been defined by our desire for ascendance--politically, militarily, economically, religiously, culturally, and, of course, physically. These spectacular superstructures epitomise more than architectural aspiration, they excite the imagination and inspire awe. The scope of the book is deliberately broad with a thematic first section and a geographical second section. Conceptual chapters, introduce the origins of our desire to build high and explore the skyscraper's role in fuelling our imaginations through different modes of cultural expression. How To Read Skyscrapers offers a deep and rich understanding of the skyscraper by providing a comprehensive account of this unique and captivating building-type, from its origins in myth and legend to its future potential in satisfying humankind's needs and aspirations.

High-Rise Urban Form and Microclimate Feng Yang 2019-12-11 The book comprehensively investigates the relationship between critical urban form and fabric parameters and urban microclimate in the high-rise urban environment that prevails in Asian megacities such as Shanghai. It helps readers gain a deeper understanding of climate-responsive urban design strategies and tactics for effectively mitigating the negative impacts of deteriorating urban thermal environments on pedestrian thermal comfort, outdoor air quality and building energy consumption. It also reviews the latest advances in urban climate research, with a focus on the challenges in terms of outdoor space comfort, health, and livability posed by the high-rise and high-density development in emerging Asian megacities, and proposes an integrated

framework in response to the pressing need for microclimate research. It then presents a series of studies on high-rise residential and non-residential urban neighborhoods and districts based on instrumented field study, validated numerical simulation, and spatial analysis using a GIS platform. The book includes extensive, valuable experimental data presented in a clear and concise manner. The thermal atlas methodology based on empirical modeling and spatial analysis described is a useful climate-responsive design tool for both urban designer and architects. As such, the book is of particular interest to researchers, professionals, and graduate students in the fields of urban planning and design, building science and urban climatology.

Form Follows Finance Carol Willis 1995-11 In contrast to standard histories that counterpose the design philosophies of the Chicago and New York "schools," Form Follows Finance shows how market formulas produced characteristic forms in each city - "vernaculars of capitalism" - that resulted from local land-use patterns, municipal codes, and zoning. Refuting some common cliches of skyscraper history such as the equation of big buildings with big business and the idea of a "corporate skyline," this book emphasizes the importance of speculative development and the impact of real estate cycles on the forms of buildings.

Dense + Green Thomas Schröpfer 2015-12-14 The integration of nature in architecture is a key concern of sustainability. However, all too often sustainable design is reduced to improving the energetic performance of buildings and the ornamental application of natural green. Dense + Green explores new architectural typologies that emerge from the integration of green components such as sky terraces, vertical parks and green facades, in high-density buildings. The book describes green strategies in a comparison across different design tasks and climate conditions. In-depth case studies on the most relevant building types, consistently presented with analytical drawings made exclusively for this book, are complemented by expert essays that demonstrate the current paradigm shift in the sustainable urban environment. From the Contents:

- Dense + Green Building Types, by Thomas Schröpfer, architect,

Singapore University of Technology and Design •Dense + Green Building Technology, by Atelier Ten, environmental design consultants and building services engineers, New York, NY •Dense + Green Landscape Design, by Herbert Dreiseitl, landscape architect, Atelier Dreiseitl/Rambøll Liveable Cities Lab, Überlingen/Singapore/Portland, OR •Dense + Green Botanical Design, by Jean Yong, plant ecophysiologicalist, Singapore University of Technology and Design •Dense + Green Urbanism, by Kees Christiaanse, urban planner, ETH Zurich •25 in-depth case studies from Europe, Asia and the USA •Practice Reports by Foster + Partners, WOHA, Ken Yeang, MVRDV and others

Urban Forms Ivor Samuels 2012-05-04 This popular and influential work, translated here into English for the first time, argues that modern urbanism has upset the morphology of cities, abolished their streets and isolated their buildings. In tracing the stages of this transformation, this book presents the view that the urban tissue, the intermediate scale between the architecture of buildings and the diagrammatic layouts of town planning, is the essential framework for everyday life. Only by investigating the urban tissue will it be possible to understand the complex relationships between plot and built form, between streets and buildings and between these forms and design practices. The chosen trail of the first French edition - Paris, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt - is one of continuously evolving modernity. It outlines a history, which, in one century (1860-1960), completely changed the aspect of our towns and cities and transformed our way of life. The shock has been such that we are still looking for answers, still attempting to find urban forms that can accommodate present day ways of life and at the same time maintain the qualities of the traditional town. This English edition brings the story forward to the present day and considers the impact of the New Urbanism in the United States, which, over the last decade, has sought to re-establish former relationships within the urban tissue.

Reinventing the Skyscraper Ken Yeang 2002-12-03 Underlying Yeang's projects is a programme of research that focuses on the design of the skyscraper, a design that derives from the recognized importance that climate has on finding energy-efficient resources.

Supertall: How the World's Tallest Buildings Are Reshaping Our Cities and Our Lives Stefan Al 2022-04-12 The global boom in skyscrapers—why it's happening now, how they're made, and what they do to cities and people. We are living in a new urban age, and its most tangible expression is the "supertall": megastructures that are dramatically bigger, higher, and more ambitious than any in history. Cities around the world are racing to build the first mile-high building, stretching the limits of engineering and design as never before. In this fascinating work of urban history and design, TED resident Stefan Al—himself an experienced architect—explores the factors that have led to this worldwide boom. He reveals the marvelous and underappreciated feats of engineering that make today's supertalls a reality, from double-decker elevators that silently move up to 50 miles per hour to the sophisticated blend of polymers and steel fibers that enables concrete to withstand 8,000 tons of pressure per square meter. Taking readers behind the scenes of the building and design of remarkable megastructures, both from the past (the Empire State Building, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower) and the present (Dubai's Burj Khalifa, London's Shard, Shanghai Tower), Al demonstrates the impact of these innovations. Yet while the supertall is undoubtedly a testament to great technological victories, it can come at an environmental and social cost. Focusing on four global cities—London, New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore—Al examines the risks of wealth inequality, carbon emissions, and contagion that stem from supertalls. And he uncovers the latest innovations in sustainable building, from skyscrapers made of wood to tree-covered buildings, that promise to yield a better urban future. Featuring more than thirty architectural drawings, *Supertall* is both a fascinating exploration of our greatest accomplishments and a powerful argument for a more equitable way forward.

Urban Transformations and the Architecture of Additions Rodrigo Perez de Arce 2014-08-07 Rodrigo Perez de Arce's essay *Urban Transformations and Architectural Additions* was published during the formative stages of Post Modernism, at the point where theory was becoming seriously established. Jencks' first essays formalising the term

Post Modernism in architecture and the revised Learning from Las Vegas were published the previous year. In planning terms, modernism had become associated with comprehensive redevelopment and forms of urban organisation that ignored context, history and any sense of tradition. De Arce considered the essential nature of buildings and the richness of historic urban form and explored how robust that essence was over time. He looked at the value of essential remnants and rich complexities in maintaining a sense of continuity and relevance. Having explored the adaptation process in history, de Arce went on to see how such a process might be simulated in contemporary cities with modern buildings, using additions and layers to change them from objects in infinite windswept space to being part of a rich urban fabric which described urban place. To do this he used concrete examples; housing schemes by James Stirling, new government centres in Chandigarh and Dacca and more prosaic 60's housing blocks. The paper had a fundamental influence on the way that architects and planners thought about the nature of cities: as dynamic organisms that were tangible to human beings, completely opposite to the systems thinking of the time. It contributed to ideas about the importance of street, place and city block which influenced so much recent regeneration practice. As we enter a phase of development where the reuse and adaptation of existing buildings is becoming paramount from both an economic and sustainable point of view, Perez de Arce's paper gives important insights into how to think about the process positively.

Skyscrapers Ben Sonder 1999 From the moment the first skyscraper was erected in the late nineteenth century, it was on its way to becoming the preeminent urban structure. The skyscraper is an architectural phenomenon, which never ceases to fascinate and awe. *Skyscrapers* is a photographic and anecdotal tour of the world's most admired skyscrapers. -- Features a selection of skyscrapers, from the Woolworth Building in the United States to the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur; from the Pirelli Tower in Italy to the Rialto Towers in Australia -- Contains more than 100 breathtaking photographs that display the magnificence of the world's skyscrapers

Building the Skyline Jason M. Barr 2016-05-12 The Manhattan skyline is one of the great wonders of the modern world. But how and why did it form? Much has been written about the city's architecture and its general history, but little work has explored the economic forces that created the skyline. In *Building the Skyline*, Jason Barr chronicles the economic history of the Manhattan skyline. In the process, he debunks some widely held misconceptions about the city's history. Starting with Manhattan's natural and geological history, Barr moves on to how these formations influenced early land use and the development of neighborhoods, including the dense tenement neighborhoods of Five Points and the Lower East Side, and how these early decisions eventually impacted the location of skyscrapers built during the Skyscraper Revolution at the end of the 19th century. Barr then explores the economic history of skyscrapers and the skyline, investigating the reasons for their heights, frequencies, locations, and shapes. He discusses why skyscrapers emerged downtown and why they appeared three miles to the north in midtown-but not in between the two areas. Contrary to popular belief, this was not due to the depths of Manhattan's bedrock, nor the presence of Grand Central Station. Rather, midtown's emergence was a response to the economic and demographic forces that were taking place north of 14th Street after the Civil War. *Building the Skyline* also presents the first rigorous investigation of the causes of the building boom during the Roaring Twenties. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the boom was largely a rational response to the economic growth of the nation and city. The last chapter investigates the value of Manhattan Island and the relationship between skyscrapers and land prices. Finally, an Epilogue offers policy recommendations for a resilient and robust future skyline.

World Cities and Urban Form Mike Jenks 2013-12-02 This book presents new research and theory at the regional scale showing the forms metropolitan regions might take to achieve sustainability. At the city scale the book presents case studies based on the latest research and practice from Europe, Asia and North America, showing how both planning and flagship design can propel cities into world class status,

and also improve sustainability. The contributors explore the tension between polycentric and potentially sustainable development, and urban fragmentation in a physical context, but also in a wider cultural, social and economic context.

Skyscrapers Mario Campi 2000 Skyscrapers have been a source of fascination to the expert and layman alike since the emergence of this building type in the nineteenth century and this volume presents a selection of the most captivating examples ranging from the skyscrapers of the 1890s to contemporary projects. Following a general introduction, a large format double page is devoted to each skyscraper and crucial aspects such as construction and facade details, load-bearing structures and essential technical features are analysed in text and illustrations. Each building is documented systematically enabling the reader to compare the buildings presented. The buildings and projects in this compendium were all innovative, epoch-making buildings in their day and provide a critical overview of the development in this type of architecture. A wealth of visual material approximately 1000 plans, photographs, technical and axonometric drawings ensure that this volume is a detailed and valuable reference work.

Towards a Geography of Urban Form Giovanni Pasta 2001

Skyscrapers George H. Douglas 2004-08-05 This history of skyscrapers examines how these tall buildings affected the cityscape and the people who worked in, lived in, and visited them. Much of the focus is rightly on the architects who had the vision to design and build America's skyscrapers, but attention is also given to the steelworkers who built them, the financiers who put up the money, and the daredevils who attempt to "conquer" them in some inexplicable pursuit of fame. The impact of the skyscraper on popular culture, particularly film and literature, is also explored.

First Skyscrapers | Skyscraper Firsts Lee Gray 2020-06 The tall commercial building, commonly known as a "skyscraper," developed through an evolutionary process across numerous projects and technologies. From the very beginning, the prominence of these buildings on the skyline have made them potent corporate symbols of

power, wealth and permanence. It has always been important to their proprietors to make superlative claims about the novelty of their technologies, their creature comforts, their height, and of course, their provenance. This laudatory inclination is reflected in the persistent claims of many buildings to have been the "first" of a particular type, long after their original developers-and in many cases, the buildings themselves-have disappeared. *First Skyscrapers | Skyscraper Firsts* assembles the leading architectural and real-estate historians of our time to clarify the definitions and parameters of skyscraper historical scholarship. It considers the many candidates for "first skyscraper," depending on differing criteria or categories of innovation, as well as numerous "skyscraper firsts," technological innovations that propelled successive generations of buildings skyward, with greater safety, efficiency, and height. Rather than settle the issue of "what was the first skyscraper?" once and for all, it instead provides a rich account of the history of the typology through seminal developments over more than 100 years. *First Skyscrapers | Skyscraper Firsts* is a product of the Tall Building History Committee of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH), and reflects the joint work between CTBUH and the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH), including a *First Skyscrapers | Skyscraper Firsts* Symposium held in conjunction with the Council's 10th World Congress and 50th Anniversary in Chicago, 2019. It is a seminal work of historical scholarship that will be of great use to future scholars, as well as of great interest to the general public.

Feminist City Leslie Kern 2020-07-07 *Feminist City* is an ongoing experiment in living differently, living better, and living more justly in an urban world. We live in the city of men. Our public spaces are not designed for female bodies. There is little consideration for women as mothers, workers or carers. The urban streets often are a place of threats rather than community. Gentrification has made the everyday lives of women even more difficult. What would a metropolis for working women look like? A city of friendships beyond *Sex and the City*. A transit system that accommodates mothers with strollers on the school run. A public space with enough toilets. A place where women can walk without

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