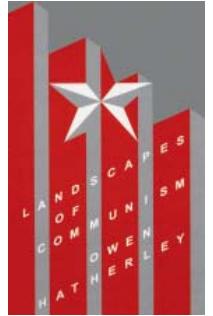


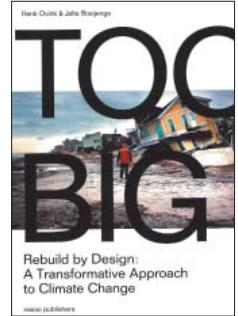
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La empresa utópica de la modernidad se tradujo en cumbres de la arquitectura, pero también en simas aberrantes. Esta es una de las conclusiones que pueden sacarse de este libro, dedicado a abordar, con una perspectiva tan amplia como para abarcar ocho décadas y multitud de países, la arquitectura soviética. Convencido de que la arquitectura es, literalmente, la expresión de la infraestructura económica e ideológica, el autor da cuenta, con originalidad y buena escritura, de multitud de edificios y ciudades, clasificados en capítulos al modo de manifiestos, que se dedican a la vivienda, los centros comunitarios, el transporte público o los monumentos. Sin embargo, no logra al cabo su propósito de convencer al lector de que la arquitectura comunista, hecha de buenas intenciones, es una lección de la que todavía hay mucho que aprender.

THE UTOPIAN enterprise of modernity yielded peaks of architecture, but also aberrant chasms. This is a conclusion we extract from a book that looks at Soviet architecture from a perspective so wide as to embrace eight decades and many countries. Convinced that architecture is the expression of economic and ideological infrastructure, the author with originality and good writing gives his take on buildings and cities – classified in manifesto chapters – devoted to housing, community centers, public transport, or monuments. Nevertheless, he falls short of convincing the reader that communist architecture, made of such good intentions, is a lesson from which there is still so much to learn.

El Movimiento Moderno se sostuvo, entre otros sueños, en el de la habitación radical y digna. Tal sueño fue perseguido con especial ímpetu en el México optimista del siglo xx, de la mano de arquitectos como Juan O'Gorman, Luis Barragán, Teodoro González de León, Abraham Zabludovsky o Alberto Kalach. Mediante fotografías de época y planos redibujados, la arquitecta, historiadora y crítica Fernanda Canales recopila en *Vivienda colectiva en México: el deseo a la arquitectura* el trabajo de estos y otros muchos arquitectos, no sólo examinando los parámetros básicos de las cien obras seleccionadas en el volumen, sino también incidiendo, a través de ensayos y textos, en las cuestiones fundamentales que acompañaron los debates sobre vivienda colectiva o en el papel que pueden desempeñar las políticas actuales.

IT IS PROBABLY too late to reverse the process of climate change; hence the need to deal with it realistically. Thus starts *Too Big: A Transformative Approach to Climate Change*, a book that makes the concept of resilience the fundamental tool in tackling the negative effects of the Anthropocene. With essays by architects, urbanists, and technocrats, the book in five complementary parts unstrings the design and management process carried out by a multidisciplinary team to combat the consequences of Hurricane Sandy, which in 2012, in wreaking havoc on NY and NJ states, threw new light on the vulnerability of human societies, even the most advanced ones, in the face of the power of nature.

Bajo el título *Radical: 50 Arquitecturas Latinoamericanas*, Miquel Adrià y Andrea Griborio presentan una selección de edificios concebidos con criterios de urgencia para atender a comunidades ignoradas por sus Gobiernos, y que, por fuerza, deben contar con la inmediatez de los materiales y técnicas locales. El resultado es un apasionante atlas internacional, jalónado por los nombres de 'sospechosos habituales' como Alejandro Aravena, plan:b, Camilo Restrepo o Tatiana Bilbao, pero también por estudios menos conocidos pero no por ello menos comprometidos y exitosos a la hora de trabajar en contextos precarios. Cada una de las cincuenta obras se presenta con una ficha técnica, una memoria, planos generales y de detalle bien redibujados y una selección de estupendas fotografías presentadas a gran formato.

AN OBJECT of desire of 19th-century bourgeoisies and of fashion decorators of today, 'interiors' continue to have a bad reputation in the eyes of architects, despite recent advances in the environmental and atmospheric sphere. Published with a misleading coffee-table format, this book subtitled 'Thoughts and Photographs About the Future of Interiors' helps to give back to interior spaces the conceptual nobility they deserve, this through an introduction by the editor, Felix Burrichter, and a closing text by Martti Kalliala, and in between four interviews with designers, historians and critics of note, everything followed by a wide and relevant selection of carefully photographed examples.

IN LOOK, price, and weight, this book on renovation with steel continues the tradition of old treatises. More importantly, it falls under this tradition thanks to its determination to take stock of the entire phenomenon, studying it through an orderly, intelligible structure, and also thanks to its methodological rigor, its expository clarity, and the care that has gone into the illustrations and schemes, all redrawn and, with clean lines and simple colors, highly legible and useful. Completing the volume are careful texts and a large collection of photos of details and construction moments that, though aesthetically poor, are invariably informative and relevant.

THE WORK of the highly exceptional historian Aby Warburg has not ceased to fascinate since early in the 20th century, when he presented the thesis of the survival and transformation of the themes of Antiquity in Renaissance art. More than for his historiographic arguments, Warburg's lure today lies in a work method using connections between elements, as explained by his most cryptic work, the unfinished but no less fascinating *Atlas Mnemosyne*. The exquisite publisher Mudito & Co. now releases a carefully, elegantly edited volume that explores architecture just as it is presented in the *Atlas*: as a system of visual links and superposed motifs, or a 'montage'; and as a veritable document of culture.

WITH ITS rather predictable and not too accurate title, *Ornament is Crime: Modernist Architecture was produced in the no less predictable format of the coffee table*, pretends to be a visual celebration of the fundamental style of the 20th century. So the reader should not expect to find major academic texts, only a dispensable brief introduction by one of the authors, and some miserly headlines on some of the works featured. As the informed reader will neither find in this large book a single plan or detail of the buildings selected with no apparent order, one wonders what good this book might have, beyond the quality of most of the photographs and the paper, which is naturally *papier couché*. Sólo para aficionados.