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Sommario/riassunto	Dieses Buch vermittelt Geschichte durch Theorie und Theorie durch Geschichte. Es begreift die überwältigende Vielfalt der Architektur der Welt von den Anfängen bis heute als integralen Bestandteil der menschlichen Zivilisation und fragt unter anderem nach der Bedeutung von Konzept und Form, nach dem Unterschied zwischen Architektur und Spektakel oder nach der Gültigkeit des Dogmas „less is more“. Die unverbrauchte Perspektive macht den Band zur inspirierenden Lektüre – nicht nur für Studienanfänger der Architektur, sondern für alle, die wissen möchten, um was es in der Architektur eigentlich geht – und

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