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The word tensegrity results from the contraction of 'tensional' and 'integrity', a word created by Richard Buckminster Fuller. He went on to describe tensegrity structures as 'islands of compression in an ocean of tension', and Rene Motro has developed a comprehensive definition which is 'systems in a stable self equilibrated system comprising a discontinuous set of compressed components inside a continuum of tensioned components'. This publication represents the life work of a leading exponent of a revolutionary and exciting method of structural design.* Represents the life w
