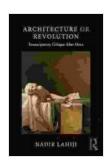
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In his groundbreaking book, *Architecture or Revolution: Emancipatory Critique After Marx*, David Harvey offers a pathbreaking analysis of how architecture and urbanism have been used to both oppress and liberate people.



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Harvey draws on a wide range of examples, from the Haussmannization of Paris to the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, to show how the built environment can be a powerful tool for social control or a catalyst for social change.

Harvey argues that architecture and urbanism are not neutral forces. They are shaped by the social, economic, and political forces that operate in society, and they in turn shape those forces.

For example, the Haussmannization of Paris in the 19th century was a deliberate attempt by the French government to suppress the revolutionary potential of the city's working class. The new boulevards and parks were designed to make it easier for the police to control the population, and the

demolition of working-class neighborhoods was intended to break up the communities that had supported the revolution.

In contrast, the favelas of Rio de Janeiro are a product of the city's extreme inequality. The favelas are home to millions of people who have been forced to live in informal settlements because they cannot afford housing in the formal market.

The favelas are often seen as dangerous and crime-ridden, but they are also communities with a strong sense of solidarity. The favelas have been the site of numerous social movements, and they have played a key role in the fight for social justice in Brazil.

Harvey's book is a powerful indictment of the way that architecture and urbanism have been used to oppress people. It is also a call for a new kind of architecture and urbanism, one that is based on the principles of emancipation and social justice.

Architecture or Revolution is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the relationship between architecture, urbanism, and social change. It is a book that will challenge your assumptions about the built environment and inspire you to think about how architecture can be used to create a more just and equitable world.

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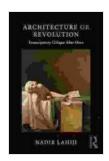
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