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Mughal Architecture: An Outline of its History and Development (1526-1858) /  
Ebba Koch

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First published in 1991, Mughal Architecture: An Outline of its History and Development (1526-1858) is a comprehensive study of the whole range of Mughal architecture, including such famous buildings as the tomb of Humayun in Delhi, The Taj Mahal in Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Delhi, Kashmir, and Lahore.

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New in the Old Chinatown Kuala Lumpur: Design + Architecture Travel Guide /  
Scarlet Koon, Aw Siew Bee & Robert Powell; Tan Loke Mun & Scarlet Koon  
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New in the Old: Chinatown Kuala Lumpur features the rich history and landmarks, alongside the adaptive reuse of old buildings, vibrant culture, and mouth-watering food of Chinatown.

Kuala Lumpur, meaning muddy confluence, was where tin miners landed in 1857. Since then, the city has grown into a major conurbation, spreading across the greater Klang valley. As the city grew and more people moved out into the suburbs, the original city centre diminished in importance and was overshadowed by the new business centres. But the charm of the old city never fades, and a new generation are rediscovering and reviving the old city.

The historic city is also the site of Merdeka 118, the second tallest building in the world. The juxtaposition of the sleek modern skyscraper against the historic shophouses is a reminder of progress and modernism in the ever-changing city. Encompassing Jalan Petaling, Jalan Sultan, Jalan Tun H S Lee and Jalan Panggong, this design and architecture travel guide explores the palimpsest of the old city, revealing memories of history and place. With three walking guides that includes featured locations, historical landmarks and food highlights, the book showcases the new businesses alongside the old landmarks, as well as Merdeka 118, that make up the city. New in the Old will take you into the vibrant and colourful community that is Chinatown Kuala Lumpur.

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Terrace Transformations in the Tropics, Volume 1 / Robert Powell & Lin Ho; Tan Loke Mun (et al.)

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Design In Section — Most terrace houses in Malaysia are dark internally and poorly ventilated. How then, given the constraints of the two party walls, can a mid-terrace house be better lighted? How can sunlight be brought into the interior while simultaneously excluding solar gain? How can a mid-terrace house be naturally ventilated so that it is comfortable without air conditioning? How can nature be introduced into the mid-terrace house?

Part of the problem is that architects and designers usually work in plan and developers rarely if ever show a terrace house in section. It is invariably about maximizing square feet. But innovation can only come about by designing in section, particularly in the tropical climate.

All 26 terrace houses in this book exhibit such innovative design in section. The reader is invited to study the sectional drawings and suitably inspired, we can move forward to a new generation of climatically appropriate terrace houses for the tropics.

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Archicentre+ – Places for People: Selected Works / Robert Powell & Lin Ho; Tan Loke Mun

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1900 gm.

The desire to engage in every aspect of design, from architecture, to landscape, to masterplanning and interior design, extending to art works and publications, has been the driving force in the development of Archicentre and subsequently of DTLMG. The core practice engages in architecture and masterplanning while a boutique design studio, DRTAN LM Architect, focuses on single residential projects and interiors. Atelier International is the publishing arm of the conglomerate, while Ur-Mu is an urban museum/gallery in Kuala Lumpur. There is seamless connectivity between the constituent parts with attention increasingly directed towards biophilic design in the tropics. Above all, there is palpable energy, enthusiasm, humour, inventiveness and intensity in the organisation, that is expressed in the diverse products.

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= Memories of Light Daido Moriyama = /

, Japan 2023  
335p ; 30cm  
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\$ 60.00 / HB

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= Japanese Beautiful Residence Vol.2 /

, Japan 2023  
236p ; 28cm  
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Politics of Living: = : /  
TOTO., Japan 2023

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\$ 80.00 / HB

Dot Architects a group of architects based in Kitakagaya, Osaka. In addition to its design, it also has a wide variety of activities including construction, research and art projects. This book contains 5 examples that continue to be involved in designing and constructing the design. Introduced with photos taken down of the worn current state, and an instruction sheet that includes the background of the city history, and architecture. Combine the practice of "POLITICS OF LIVING" in a small municipal space created by themselves and engagement.

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Goreme Churches' Iconography: Goreme Open Air Museum and Surrounding Area Churches Iconography / Mustafa Uysun

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In the 10th century, the Commanders, who were members of noble military families, rose to defend the eastern border of Cappadocia from the Byzantines. From the end of the 9th century to the last quarter of the 11th century, these elites who had built up enough strength to challenge the central power, built many churches, which were reflections of the socio-political situations of the time. Although it is not as widely known, the region of Cappadocia houses some of the most prominent examples of Mid Byzantine period (843-1204) architectural and monumental paintings. The Icons, murals and book illustrations were the centre of religious life during this era. Their artistic and historical significance lay in the fact that these churches portray the tastes of both the owner and craftsmen, often giving us clues to the religious beliefs and social life of the time. This book, a product of a long endeavour, was written based on multiple visits to the various sites where the murals were thoroughly examined first hand. The book consists of two chapters, complete with a glossary and bibliography at the end. The religious stories discussed in the book are complemented with high resolution photographs, with added various symbols and arrows.

First part of the book takes the reader through the churches found today in the Göreme Open Air Museum. Focus will be on art history, while examining the architecture including the frescos inside.

The second part of the book will guide the reader through the architectural and decorative aspects of the churches found around the town of Göreme, which are not part of the Open Air Museum. Many of these churches have been closed, but are still homes to many colorful paintings.

I sincerely hope this book will be useful for those who will visit and research the Göreme Open Air Museum and the churches around it in the future.

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