Booklist and Reader’s Advisory, March 2022

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Reader’s Advisory:

Check out these timely posts

UNESCO bolsters protection for Ukrainian heritage under fire

‘This Is Everyone’s Culture’: Ukraine’s Architectural Treasures Face Destruction

Ukraine scrambles to protect artifacts and monuments from Russian attack

AIA 2022 Architecture Award Recipients

Recommended Current Periodical Readings:
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Articles & Segments


“Architects have historically relied on plans to describe and intervene in the world...The historic use of the plan as an organizational device eventually become, in the GIS map, a tool to plan the planet at large” (63).


“Nowhere are the contradictions of consumer culture, the endless clash of utility and fashion, more obvious than in the design culture of the kitchen...awash with choice, as consumers we are constantly caught between the myth of self-realisation and the reality that
our style ‘choices’ are inextricably bound to the social and political relations in which we are embedded” (53).


“The question I am posing is how the universal need for granularity and scalar articulation in every piece of architecture… can fuel a new language of architecture” (130).


“The pieces in Wonderground, the journal born in her riverside studio, are pensive and rousing, sometimes heartbreaking. They form collections of works made to be held in hands and enjoyed deliciously and not all at once” (132).


“The reigning challenge we presented to ourselves was to incorporate structurally into the composition of the book organizational principles that would express the search for stable pattern on the part of the book’s elements, as if responding in real time to the anomalies and challenges inherent in the particulars of the content of the book itself. In this way we sought to orchestrate as palpably as possible for the reader the messy yet coordinated dance of life” (155).


“If a space can captivate a person, then Amelia is bewitched. “When I’m here, it’s as if I’ve been transported to a secret place. How can such a beautiful studio not inspire an artist?” (57).


“The relationship between architecture and nature is in fact one of Price’s favourite themes… “It’s a fantasy garden, drenched in sun and dreamt up at the end of a cold, wet Welsh winter. I wanted the garden to feel like you’ve stepped through a portal into another world” (51).


“Race and Space builds on 2020’s successful multimedia approach and includes interviews with scholars and practitioners who speak about impact and influence, but it also brings in the community histories of preservation and care that have kept both the landscape and the stories that give them depth and meaning” (80).

“In a statement released by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), a group of architects at SHoP announced the formation of Architectural Workers United, a coalition of New York-based architectural workers seeking to unionize their workplaces” (13).


“As time and projects have passed by, French artist Yann Kersale has been forced to leave behind some that were never realized, including a few flights of fancy in crazy places...From breaking waves to forests of lightbulbs, it is only ever about current. Yann Kersale, whose name bellows like a foghorn, has always sailed on favourable tides” (48-49).

Booklist:

Diversity and Inclusion


The Ukraine


New Selections

Architects


**Architecture, Ancient**


**Architecture, Medieval**


**Architecture, Islamic**


**Architecture, Modern**


**Architecture – Ireland**


**Architecture – Russian Federation**


**Architecture – United Kingdom**


**Architecture – United States**


**Architectural Design**


**Architectural Education**


**Architectural Photography**


**Architectural Research**


**Architectural Theory**


**Architecture and Society**


**Building Materials**


**Building Types**


**Masterworks**


**Urban Design**

