

The Society of Architectural Historians confers one of its most distinguished recognitions, the Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award, for the best book published in the past calendar year by a North American scholar, to *Three Cities after Hitler: Redemptive Reconstruction across Cold War Borders* by Andrew Demshuk. With exceptional sensitivity the book documents the critical period in the architectural and urban history of postwar reconstruction in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław. The book productively engages the tensions as well as the sometimes surprising confluences of selective reconstruction, historicism, and modernist renewal across Central Europe's national borders and Cold War ideologies. Urban identity, national commemoration, local rehabilitation, and catastrophic reality are in dialogue across space and time in this remarkable work. This superbly researched book offers an innovative comparative paradigm in which powerful narratives such as nostalgia and erasure, and the residents' quest for redemption are subtly and powerfully evoked in the conclusions.

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