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From the Introduction:

Consider these two places: Walking into Green Acres, you immediately sense that you have entered an oasis—traffic noise left behind, negative urban distractions out of sight, children playing and running on the grass, adults pattering on plant-filled balconies. Signs of life and care for the environment abound. Innumerable social and physical clues communicate to visitors and residents alike a sense of home and neighborhood. This is a place that people are proud of, a place that children will remember in later years with nostalgia and affection, a place that just feels "good."

Contrast this with Southside Village. Something does not feel quite right. It is hard to find your way about, to discern which are the fronts and which are the backs of the houses, to determine what is "inside" and what is "outside." Strangers cut across what might be a communal backyard. There are no signs of personalization around doors or on balconies. Few children are around; those who are outside ride their bikes in circles in the parking lot. There are few signs of caring; litter, graffiti, and broken light fixtures indicate the opposite. There is no sense of place; it is somewhere to move away from, not somewhere to remember with pride.

These are not real locations, but we have all seen places like them. The purpose of this book is to assist in the creation of more places like Green Acres and to aid in the rehabilitation of the many Southside Villages that scar our cities.

This book is a collection of guidelines for the site design of low-rise, high-density family housing. It is intended as a reference tool, primarily for housing designers and planners, but also for developers, housing authorities, citizens'

groups, and tenants' organizations-anyone involved in planning or rehabilitating housing. It provides guidelines for the layout of buildings, open spaces, community facilities, play areas, walkways, and the myriad components that make up a housing site.

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From the Inside Flap

"[Housing as If People Mattered] contains 254 guidelines that are well written, amply illustrated, and easily used, with listing of the various responses a designer might make to each recommendation. The guidelines deal with everything from the form, image, and orientation of buildings to the use of open space by children and adults of various age groups."

--Thomas Fisher, *Progressive Architecture*

"In contrast to other guidelines, which typically represent either an aesthetic or technical emphasis, those offered by this book take the form of suggestions or opportunities for design that support activities, values and needs of the users--the and by any group who concern is the improvement of housing environments."

--Sue Weidemann, *Landscape Architecture*

"Essential reading for anyone involved in housing design. . . . written so as to liberate creative interpretations of the guidelines, not to provide ready made solutions to copy. . . . The sections on play are full of wisdom, the profound concern for children's real needs contrasting with the desultory provision common in housing schemes."

--Jane Darke, *Architects' Journal*

From the Back Cover

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