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Synopsis

This book investigates what the history of Hong Kong's urban development has to teach other cities as they face environmental challenges, social and demographic change and the need for new models of dense urbanism. The authors describe how the high-rise intensity of Hong Kong came about; how the forest of towers are in fact vertical culs de sac; and how the city might become truly volumetric with mixed activities through multiple levels and 3D movement networks incorporating town cubes rather than town squares. For more information, visit the authors' website: <http://www.makingofhk.com/makingofhk.swf>

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A readable and compact book that provides a vivid and detailed account of a unique subject matter. Urban developments in Hong Kong from its beginning to the present day are brought to life with concise references to prevailing social and economic conditions, planning laws and key urban theories. The last chapters provide critiques of existing urban environments with alternative urban design proposals based on contemporary ideas about sustainable design and well connected,

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