



Envisioning Better Cities: A Global Tour of Good Ideas

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Envisioning Better Cities: A Global Tour of Good Ideas takes readers on a world tour of useful, feasible, and novel ideas for making cities more livable and sustainable. The book visits cities of all sizes, on all continents, to share what people are doing – now – to tackle the economic, social and environmental challenges their communities face. The book travels to Denmark, Australia, Cuba, China, Canada, Germany, Israel, Brazil, the United States, and more for good ideas that will engage and empower people to take part in the future of their city. Whether describing the benefits of yarn bombs in Madrid, the creation of pollinator pathways in Seattle, or the transformative power of garbage-for-food programs in Curitiba, Brazil this book brings together a compelling collection of examples to shift how we think about improving cities. To do this, the chapters are organized around the essential ingredients for improving our cities: Inviting People, Inspiring People, Connecting People, Communicating with People, Moving People and Supporting People. The hope is that by taking readers on a tour of diverse cities – large and small, wealthy and struggling – that their imaginations will be triggered about what they can do to improve their own cities.

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