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"No architect has explored architecture's claim to universality better than Léon Krier, and it is this which makes him the most controversial figure of contemporary architectural culture."

-Demetri Porphyrios

Leon Krier is one of the best-known—and most provocative—architects and urban theoreticians in the world. Until now, however, his ideas have circulated mostly among a professional audience of architects, city planners, and academics. In *The Architecture of Community*, Krier has reconsidered and expanded writing from his 1998 book *Architecture: Choice or Fate*. Here he refines and updates his thinking on the making of sustainable, humane, and attractive villages, towns, and cities. The book includes drawings, diagrams, and photographs of his built works, which have not been widely seen until now.

With three new chapters, *The Architecture of Community* provides a contemporary road map for designing or completing today's fragmented communities. Illustrated throughout with Krier's original drawings, *The Architecture of Community* explains his theories on classical and vernacular urbanism and architecture, while providing practical design guidelines for creating livable towns.

The book contains descriptions and images of the author's built and unbuilt projects, including the Krier House and Tower in Seaside, Florida, as well as the town of Poundbury in England. Commissioned by the Prince of Wales in 1988, Krier's design for Poundbury in Dorset has become a reference model for ecological planning and building that can meet contemporary needs.

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Al Clark says

An odd book, but one worth sitting and thinking about. The style is visual, cartoonish, polemical... I think it needs to be read charitably to get much out of it.

As a descriptive book about where it would be nice for architecture to go, I think it's great. After reading it I feel better equipped to describe things I like and don't like, and have a better sense of why that is the case. That said, if you're friendly to his ideas this really is a melancholy book for most Americans because we've got so far to go (and despite the hype are not going in the right direction very quickly).

Christopher Hillard says

This is a very interesting book from an author with a strikingly contrarian point of view. You don't need to agree with the author's conclusions (and on many points, I don't) to find this engaging if you have an interest in architecture or urbanism.

Austin Tunnell says

The best book I've read in a long time. I really, really recommend.

Asmaa says

40% of the book is done. The book was recommended by my design studio instructor. I found it a bit traditional and classical, which works well for designing in the Gulf states including Qatar- as a culturally driven society. I will certainly refer to it in the future.
