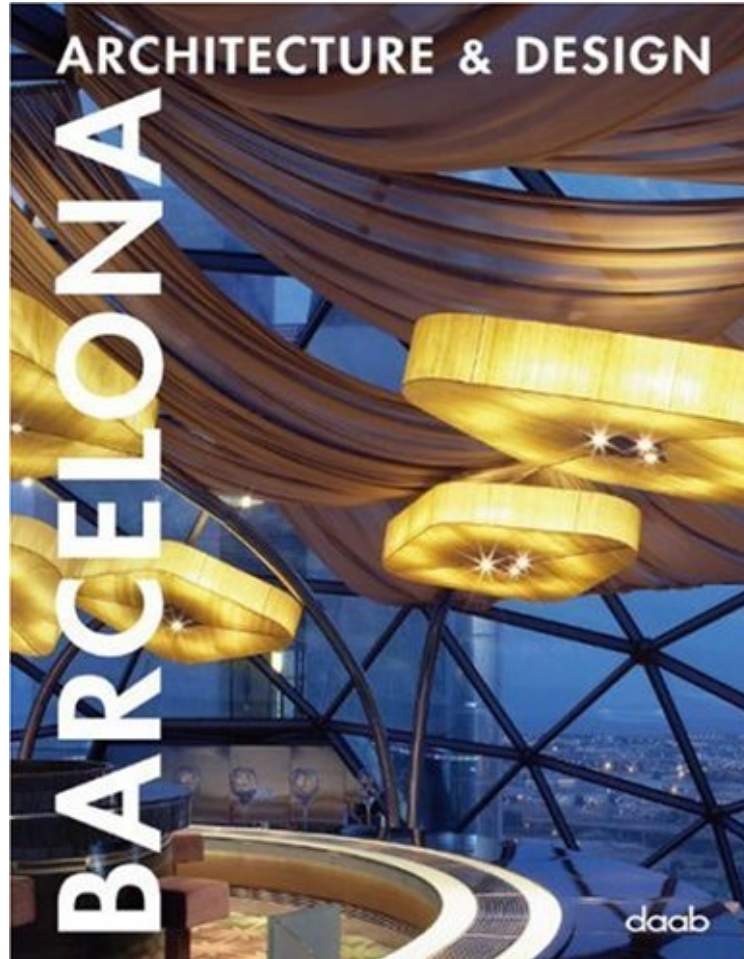


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Barcelona is the cultural center of Spain. A tourist's hot spot and one of the most frequented cities in summer. There is a lot more to Barcelona's architecture than just Gaudí. Since the Olympic Games in 1992 international architects began to shape the capital of Modernism with numerous constructions. Norman Foster, Frank O. Gehry and many more have left their footsteps. The Forum of Cultures 2004 provided another opportunity of city planning. Slowly Barcelona has been transformed into an artistic reference: it has an insatiable appetite for new design and innovations, but still highly values its rich architectural past. Old and new are close. Like this it became a model that other cities may choose to imitate due to its cosmopolitan atmosphere. This book shows the newest architectural developments in Barcelona and introduces several projects. Not only public and cultural buildings but also private houses are shown. As far as available floor plans will give additional insights. An index with contact information of the respective architects is enclosed.