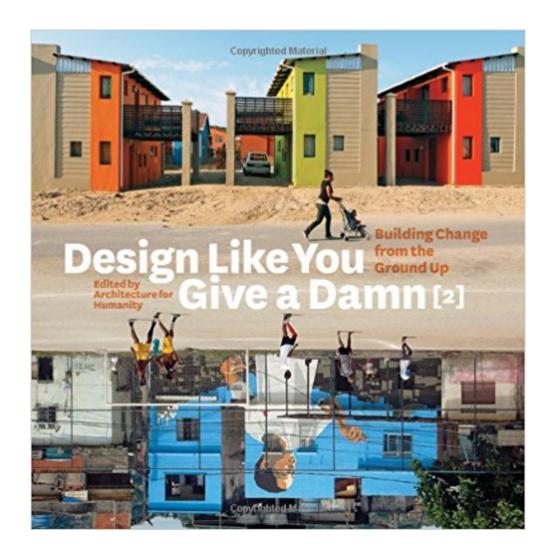
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# Design Like You Give A Damn: Building Change From The Ground Up





## **Synopsis**

Design Like You Give a Damn [2] is the indispensable handbook for anyone committed to building a more sustainable future. Following the success of their first book, Architecture for Humanity brings readers the next edition, with more than 100 projects from around the world. Packed with practical and ingenious design solutions, this book addresses the need for basic shelter, housing, education, health care, clean water, and renewable energy. One-on-one interviews and provocative case studies demonstrate how innovative design is reimagining community and uplifting lives. From building-material innovations such as smog-eating concrete to innovative public policy that is repainting Brazil's urban slums, Design Like You Give a Damn [2] serves as a how-to guide for anyone seeking to build change from the ground up.Praise for Design Like You Give a Damn [2]: "No community is immune to the forces of climate change. If we have learned anything from Hurricane Katrina, it is that we must adapt. Good design accelerates the adoption of new ideas-and this book shows us how." Brad Pitt, Jolie-Pitt Foundation "It is not just about putting bricks to mortar. It is about taking the vision of creating a better world for others and making it tangible" Auma Obama, Sauti Kuu Foundation

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This is a great second book that Architecture for Humanity has put out collecting and documenting a number of projects that focus on the other "99%" of the population that are not always catered to for architectural services. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in low income

design or any other type of nontraditional practice. The articles are all written well and shown in a way to easily compare contrast. This is an amazing document/learning bible on socially responsible design. I highly recommend this book.

Design Like you Give a Damn is a great precursor to understanding grassroots efforts in the developing world. The look at various projects by Architecture for Humanity gives a fresh take on design. Where do we really design from? Our heads or our hearts? I appreciate how the book gives a lot of examples in picture and short written form to be able to further research based on ones that catch your eye. I especially like the involvement of the community as the main stakeholder in these projects. The next book from this group gives even more example projects to feast your eyes and design inspirations on! Design Like You Give a Damn: Building Change from the Ground Up

My brother in law in a grad student in an architecture program and is very focused on sustainable, environmental and ethical building practices. He already has the first edition of this book, but after reviewing it I found that the two have a lot of different information. I purchased this for him as a Christmas gift and he has already said how great it was! Definitely a worthwhile read for students, professionals or those just interested in the field!!!

I think this one is better than the previous Design Like You Give a Damn, it was a great little resource for my thesis on informal settlements as this aggregates so many different projects into one book and provides photos and snippets of information that could be used to find more detailed information elsewhere. Happy with this purchase.

Great and very well presented collection of projects, where architecture is needed - as refugee and post-disaster shelter or low income housing or as any kind of community program. The forewords and theoretical background informations in between and related to the different projects are quite accurate and focused on projects and their development. But - obstacles of every kind are as much shown as "amateur" and "professional" grassroot interventions with their fragile general approach. A great handbook in finding good solutions on the ground - wherever needed. And -a great and joyful read, giving many inspirations to people - professionals - architects, urban and community developers as much as amateurs - community members of any social and ethnic origin for how to improve living conditions for and with the 99+1 %. At the end of the day - "Cities are People" - as Edward Glaeser - professor for Urban Economy at Harvard says in "Triumph of the City". Whether it

will become this "Triumph of the City" or - whether the planet will turn more and more into a "Planet of slums" - as Mike Davis, professor for Sociology and Creative Writing at UC Riverside says - that fits also into the palms of our hands. And - as one of my favorite paintings from Paul Klee here is named - "Has Got Head, Hand, Foot and Heart". And - houses - whole cities aren't just built from bricks, mortar - cement and sand - they are mostly built by hope. In that sense - this is a very optimistic and hopeful book - thanks to "Architecture for Humanity" and their founders - the whole teams there for that.

This book is really inspiring. The work that architecture for humanity does is really amazing. We can learn a lot from what they are doing. The projects look simple and sustainable at the same time. Really good book.

The print quality is terrific, and the size of the book is nice - not to unwieldy. The color photographs are a great addition and make the book more pleasant to read than other similar books about sustainable technologies for developing worlds.

This is a great book if you are starting to get the feeling on do something great for the world, this is a good guide to understand what's going on out there, maybe if they included more details about the designs and projects all had enriched the experience of this book.

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