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# New Book Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities and Towns



HOBOKEN, N.J. (January 27, 2014) – John Wiley & Sons, Inc. announced today the publication of *Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities and Towns* by John Massengale and Victor Dover with foreword by HRH The Prince of Wales.

Massengale and Dover know how to fix America's neighborhoods, cities, and towns: make them walkable again. That begins with great streets where people want to be, streets that are comfortable, safe, and interesting. In *Street Design*, two accomplished architects and urban designers share insights on how good street design can increase happiness, unlock economic value, improve our health and lower our carbon footprints.

Americans are demanding streets that serve the needs of their communities as well as their cars. In just five years over 600 jurisdictions have adopted "Complete Streets" policies, because we want beautiful streets where people have the option of getting out of their cars to bike and walk. This user-friendly street design book analyzes and illustrates hundreds of streets old and new, shows us what works and what doesn't, and reveals the secrets behind designing beautiful streets and walkable places.

Street Design is the essential handbook for urban designers, civic leaders, architects, city planners, engineers, developers, landscape architects, and community activists: it is ideal reading for any person who wants to make their community walkable and create memorable streets that are not just routes to someplace else, but great places that are destinations in themselves.

This innovative and transformative guide:

☐ Offers instruction on how to design new streets and improve existing ones to create more walkable cities and towns

☐ Shows examples of over 150 excellent historic streets, retrofitted streets, and new streets, and explains why they are successful and how they were designed and created ☐ Highlights common street-design challenges and ways they can be addressed through placemaking

☐ Includes strategies for shaping space in the public right-of-way through correct building height to street width ratios, terminated vistas, landscaping, and street geometry

Features more than 500 color and black-and-white photos and 32 pages of color plates
Includes afterword by James Howard Kunstler, author of <i>The Geography of Nowhere</i>
Incorporates guest essays from 20 of the leading thinkers in the field, including Andrés
Duany, Léon Krier, Ethan Kent, Kaid Benfield, and John Norquist, the former mayor
of Milwaukee.

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#### **About the authors:**

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### Advance Praise for Street Design:

"We are going to start walking around the places we live again, and as that occurs and becomes normal, we will rapidly redevelop a demand for higher quality in building at the human scale."

# —From the Afterword by James Howard Kunstler, author of *The Geography of Nowhere*

"Street Design is a lucid, practical and altogether indispensable guide for envisioning and creating vibrant 21st century towns and cities. It should be required reading for every local political leader, planner, architect, real estate developer and engaged urban citizen in America."

## -Kurt Andersen, host of Studio 360 and author of True Believers

"This book could change the way people see the streets in their towns and cities. And it could help those towns and cities make streets for people, rather than their cars."

-Mayor Joe Riley, Charleston, South Carolina