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## Radical Living Homes at the edge of architecture Introduction by Avi Friedman

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- Includes rich full-colour photography along with detailed plans and diagrams
- Stunning photographs feature striking and edgy residences from across the globe, including Australia, Europe, Japan, Scandinavia, South America, United Kingdom, and United States—each home with its own set of breathtaking design features
- Engaging descriptions of each project by the architect, detailing aspiration and challenges, design process and materiality, accompanied by plans, sketches, and diagrams
- Noted scholar and academic Professor Avi Friedman provides incisive context for the residential and environmental design principles employed by the visionary architects, providing an important reference for aspiring architecture and design students

What happens when an architect sets out to design the extraordinary, and by doing so challenges the established norms of the industry? A riot of inventive and ingenious residential structures to delight the eye and gladden the soul. This book decodes a wide selection of stunning experimental designs. By shaking off any limitations and seeking to challenge established design conventions, and using architectural ingenuity and modern technical aspiration, these carefully selected architects show how they develop bold and striking designs that will serve as inspiration for years to come, creating home designs that are both out of left field and can take residential ingenuity to the next level.

This edition is lavishly illustrated with crisp and evocative full-colour images of the architecture, with insight from the architect detailing their inspiration and the challenges encountered through the designing and building processes. Whether it be a uniquely challenging location, the decision to use materials in innovative ways, or simply experimenting with a new design shape, the works featured within these pages challenge the everyday notions of what a residence should be.

Through these pages, the reader is drawn into a beautiful journey through a diverse range of truly beautiful homes as imagined—and realised—by some of the best architectural visionaries of our time.

**Avi Friedman**, PhD, is a Professor of Architecture at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He is also a practicing architect specialising in sustainable residential design and is known internationally for his housing innovation, in particular for The Grow Home and The Next Home, which were built in several countries. He has authored 16 books and is the recipient of many accolades, including the World Habitat Award, the Creative Achievement Award and the Life Time Achievement Award from Sustainable Buildings Canada. In the year 2000, he was selected by *Wallpaper\** magazine as one of ten people from around the world most likely to change the way we live in the new millennium.

