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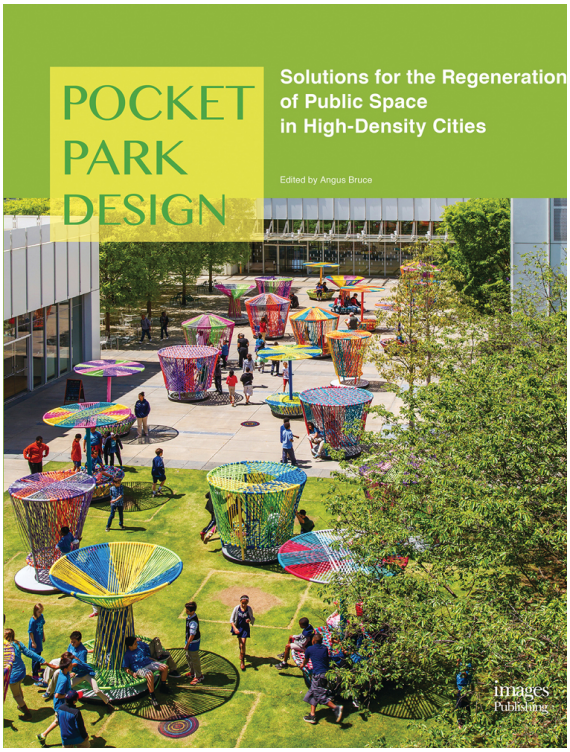

Pocket Park Design

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- Due to the acceleration of urbanisation, leisure places in the city environment have shrunk - but with low investment costs, small areas, and flexible site selections, Pocket Parks could be the answer
- Capable of operating in high-density urban areas. the pocket park can provide local residents with better quality of life, satisfying the needs of city-dwellers for outdoor activities
- This book studies the characteristics of the Pocket Park, as well as the relationship between the humanity and landscape
- Of interest to city and landscape designers, as well as anyone who wants to see more urban greenspace

Urban planners have paid more attention to the concept of the pocket park as modern cities become denser and buildings taller. As the pace of urbanisation accelerates and populations increase, particularly in larger cities, there becomes much less park space available for people to enjoy. With less investment and area required, 'Pocket Parks' could provide a solution. They fulfil the need for highly sought-after leisure spaces, which can operate in high-density city environments, bypassing the hurdle of space. These beautiful green areas increase the ecological benefits of the urban environment, helping to enrich and satisfy the local residents' lives.***Pocket Park Design*** introduces the outstanding landscape architects and designers who create pocket parks.

Pocket parks should be located where they are safe and convenient to access, as well as providing open spaces that are comfortable, functional, and pleasant for park visitors. While the areas of a pocket park will generally cater to a variety of demographics, specific spaces or activity areas may be provided for dominant user groups, such as children, workers, or the elderly. This book studies the pocket park's characteristics, as well as the relationship between humanity and the surrounding landscape. It will be a great source of inspiration to landscape designers.

Angus Bruce is a Principal at HASSELL and the practice's Head of Design for Landscape Architecture. Based in the HASSELL Sydney studio, Angus leads an international team of landscape architects undertaking a wide range of sustainability-driven projects: from city-wide strategic urban design to the design of public parks and plazas; from site-wide green infrastructure to intimately-scaled green roofs. With over 25 years' experience specialising in landscape architecture and horticulture in urban environments, Angus focuses on the intersection of design, environment, culture and function to deliver exceptional value to clients and communities, and ultimately create places people love.

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