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With three new chapters, The Architecture of Community provides a contemporary road map for designing or completing today's fragmented communities. Illustrated throughout with Krier's original drawings, The Architecture of Community explains his theories on classical and vernacular urbanism and architecture, while providing practical design guidelines for creating livable towns.

The book contains descriptions and images of the author's built and unbuilt projects, including the Krier House and Tower in Seaside, Florida, as well as the town of Poundbury in England. Commissioned by the Prince of Wales in 1988, Krier's design for Poundbury in Dorset has become a reference model for ecological planning and building that can meet contemporary needs.

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