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The City That Never Was: “The Unbuilt Berlin” presents architectural visions that were never realized. By showing the spirit of the times, the exhibits offer inspiration for the future. presents 100 ideas from 100 architects...between 1907 and 1997. -- Carsten Krohn; Daniel Libeskind; Alvaro Siza; Rem Koolhaas; Mies van der Rohe; Albert Speer; Le Corbusier; Aldo Rossi; Joseph Maria Olbrich; Cornells van Eesteren; Hugo Häring; Ludwig Hilbersheimer; Lebbeus Woods; Emil Fahrenkam [slide show] - Der Spiegel (Germany)

Private View: A plan for a hotel that will never get built, a home populated solely by angels, a house designed to be lived in by terrorists ... Adrian Searle steps into the mysterious, Piranesian – but often very funny – world of “Big Buildings, Models and Views” by German artist Thomas Schütte, now on at the Bundeskunsthalle in Bonn. [podcast]- Guardian (UK)

"Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition" at the National Building Museum: ...Adam Reed Tucker's models of skyscrapers reveal the still-potent power of the simplest Lego elements...models have a cultural power that ordinary architectural models might not...it will make you wish...that you had more bricks to play with. By Philip Kennicott [slide show]- Washington Post

Hidden New York Revealed With 80,000 Photos in Latest "AIA Guide to New York City" by Norval White, Eliot Willensky and Fran Leadon: ...a 1,055-page love letter to the city...adds his own acerbic assessments to the witty comments and bad puns he inherited. By James S. Russell - Bloomberg News

Policy in motion: In "Where the Dragon Meets the Angry River," R. Edward Grumbine explores the tangled relationship between conservation and development in China. Here, he talks about the dam-building freeze on the Nu River and other lessons from Yunnan. [links]- ChinaDialogue.net

Talking With Alice T. Friedman: ...architectural historian and professor of American art history...has a new book, "American Glamour and the Evolution of Modern Architecture"...links the work of postwar architects...to a single quality: glamour...a sensual, emotional and magical sensibility that percolated up from American popular culture, elevating the ordinary...into the extraordinary. -- Morris Lapidus; Philip Johnson; Richard Neutra- New York Times

Manningham gets English Heritage guide: "Manningham: Character and Diversity in a Bradford Suburb": At times a byword for street violence and social problems, Manningham in Bradford has been chosen by EH for the latest book in its Informed Conservation series..."Look behind the occasional neglect and what you have is one of England's greatest Victorian suburbs." By Martin Wainwright- Guardian (UK)

Veni, Vidi, Vici: Museo MAXXI by Zaha Hadid Architects: Rome, Italy: The ancient city's newest museum is a reminder that here is a woman at the top of the field - and a testament to the fact that women build, and build well. By Ann Lui- ArchNewsNow

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