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In July 2008, UNESCO added Berlin Modernism Housing Estates to the World Heritage List. The six landmarked estates are social, urban and artistic achievements which have attracted the world's attention and, most importantly, have secured their place in the history of 20th century world architecture due to their political precedent for public housing.

The present volume documents the *Gartenstadt Falkenberg*, *Siedlung Schillerpark*, *Grosssiedlung Britz* (Hufeisensiedlung), *Wohnstadt Carl Legien*, *Weisse Stadt* and *Siemensstadt* estates using various historical and current photo materials, plans and maps. For the first time, comprehensive information and historical background to this exciting chapter of modern Berlin's architecture and social conditions are presented in one book. An ample bibliography as well as short biographies of key architects of the period complete the publication.

At the center of the book are detailed descriptions of the individual estates. Their particular architectural organization, the concept and design of the surrounding greenery and the implementation of color crystallize the architects' intent – representation of a new social order in three-dimensional space. Protagonist builders like Bruno Taut and Martin Wagner enabled access to humane living conditions for a wide spectrum of social classes as a sort of demonstration of democratic architecture.

Until today, the estates have remained anchored in the city's cultural awareness. Their special place is characterized by their unwavering authenticity, having remained a desirable place to live throughout these years. This publication is an invitation to all architecture and culture enthusiasts to examine this significant contribution of Berlin modernism in order to embrace and cherish it as a communal heritage.

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