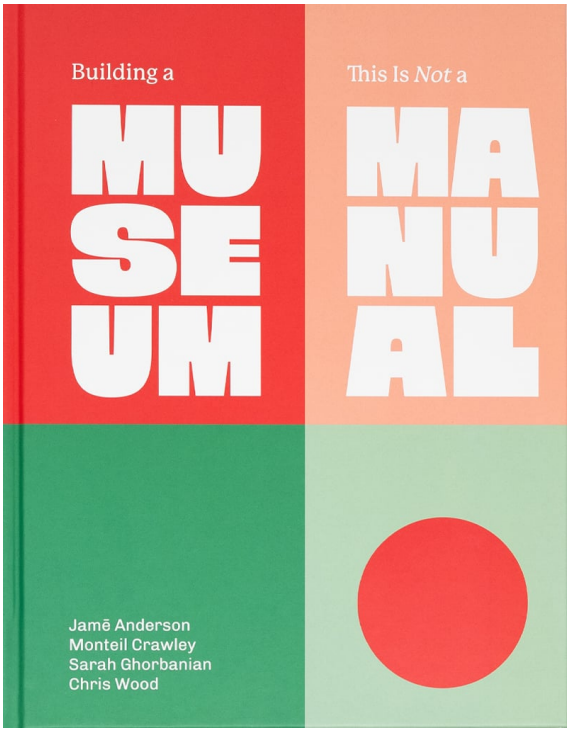
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- SmithGroup shares its expertise in ***Building a Museum*** to help decision-makers pursue their next capital building project with confidence
- ***Building a Museum*** offers a unique perspective from seasoned architects who have guided numerous cultural institutions through successful capital projects, emphasising the practical advice and best practices shared in the book, making it an invaluable resource for museum leaders and staff
- ***Building a Museum*** brings the capital project process to life, illuminated through seasoned advice, best practices, and clear illustrations to help museums effectively convene teams during the conceptual and planning stages of a project

Building a Museum is a comprehensive guide designed to assist museum professionals in navigating the complex process of planning, designing, and constructing a museum. In it, seasoned design professionals from the award-winning integrated design firm SmithGroup condense their decades of experience guiding numerous cultural institutions through successful projects, emphasising best practices in organising a capital project and offering suggestions to keep projects moving toward completion. ***Building a Museum*** is a user-friendly tool for museum leaders to easily understand every aspect of the building process and includes intuitive graphics and a handy glossary for common terms. It encourages readers to rethink the traditional approaches and embrace forward-thinking and collegial strategies that could revolutionise their projects. Collaboration and inclusivity in the process is encouraged, with an emphasis on the importance of building a strong network and leveraging professional connections. ***Building a Museum*** draws on the authors' decade of conducting workshops on the museum capital project process, refining their content based on feedback from over 300 museum leaders, board members, administrators, curators, and facilities professionals. The book aims to demystify the planning and design process, making it accessible and practical for museum professionals at any stage of their project.

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