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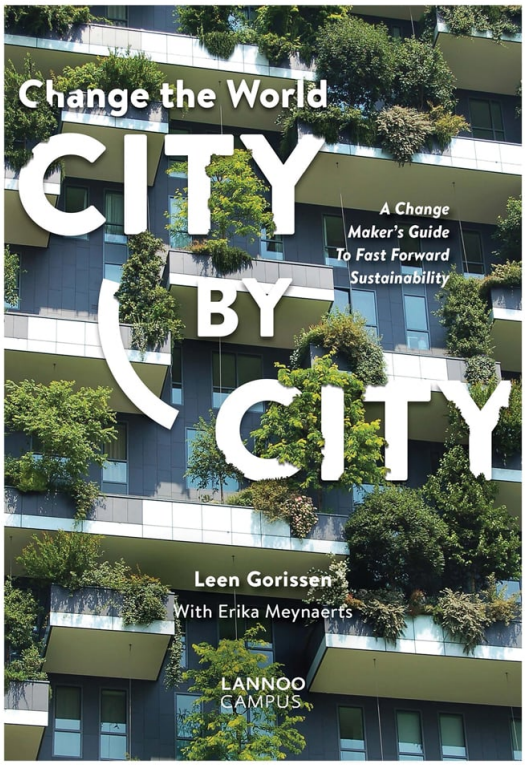

Change the World City by City

A Change Maker's Guide to Fast Forward Sustainability

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New initiatives, ideas and products change the way we relate to one another and to our environment, as well as the way we define and fulfil our needs. They create opportunities for experimenting and learning, which can help our societies transition towards greater sustainability. But how can we implement transition in a useful way? This book examines the ways in which urban transition initiatives work, how they influence each other, and how they can make our cities thrive in a sustainable manner. Among others, it puts forward a view on the conditions that can aid accelerating change towards a sustainable low-carbon society, on possibilities for policy change, and on adaptive mechanisms that will improve decision making.

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