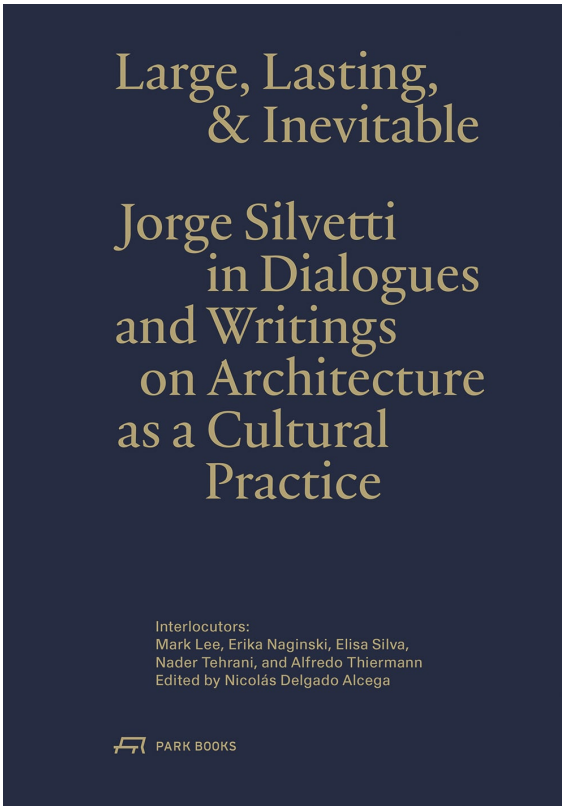
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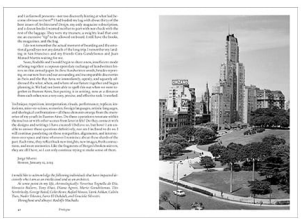
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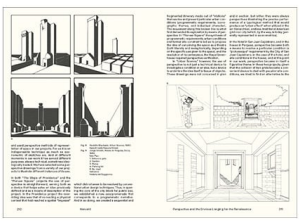
- Features a selection of seminal writings from five decades by distinguished Argentinian-American architect Jorge Silvetti
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A journey through the influential work, ideas and trajectory of Argentinian-born architect Jorge Silvetti articulated through a revealing collection of recent conversations and a selection of his writings.

Jorge Silvetti looks back on a long career as both a designing architect and as an architectural teacher and theoretician. Born in Argentina he was educated in music, the visual arts and architecture amidst the vibrant culture and political turmoils of Buenos Aires in the 1950s and 60s. Silvetti continued his studies and began teaching at the University of California Berkeley after 1967, where his professional association with Rodolfo Machado began. Their work together continues until today as Machado Silvetti Associates, with offices in Boston and Buenos Aires. Silvetti's teaching, projects, and writings have significantly shaped contemporary architectural discourse.
Large, Lasting & Inevitable is a reflection on Jorge Silvetti's impactful five decades in architecture, set against the backdrop of fervent discussions about discourse, history, cultural politics, and practice today. Featuring a selection of Silvetti's seminal writings since the 1970s alongside engaging dialogues with Mark Lee, Erika Naginski, Elisa Silva, Nader Tehrani, Alfredo Thiermann and Nicolás Delgado Alcega, the book illuminates foundational moments shaping contemporary architectural thought. This journey through Silvetti's perspective is marked by his profound curiosity and clear understanding of architecture's role among the field of cultural practices, material culture, and the tangible realities of building, offering readers a deep dive into the evolution and influence of his architectural ideology.

Jorge Silvetti is cofounder of Machado Silvetti Associates, based in Boston and Buenos Aires, and the Nelson Robinson, Jr. Professor of Architecture, Emeritus, at Harvard Graduate School of Design.
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