



Shamsul Wares

An Architecture of Elemental Modernism

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Edited by Adnan Zillur Morshed with contributions from a diverse range of authors, this profusely illustrated book explains a cerebral architect's design work with careful analysis and contextuality.

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