



# Werewolf

## The Architecture of Lunacy, Shapeshifting, and Material Metamorphosis

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- This project offers a new and much-needed illustrated theory of environmental architecture through ideas and projects that work with the environment's inevitable dynamism and change
- The book's several essays and case studies tackle these topics from the lenses of architecture, ecology, engineering, literature, materials science, psychoanalysis, and others
- This book is primarily tailored to practitioners, students, and theorists within the field of architecture
- Because practitioners across all disciplines today are trying to affect a climatic turn, the book is also framed for a larger interdisciplinary audience, as it engages with theories and practices in the fields of art history, economy, ecology, literature, materials science, and psychoanalysis
- The cover has been printed with thermochromic ink so when heat is applied on the front cover the image will be revealed

As climate, culture, and technology evolve and become increasingly unpredictable, architecture's stasis becomes more incongruous. *Werewolf* explores an emerging but under-investigated branch of architecture that embraces the transformation of form, performance, and the responsiveness to environments and context. These ideas are studied through architectural precedents and framed by critical essays by Jesse Reiser, Greg Lynn, Jimenez Lai, Spyros Papapetros, Kari Weil, as well as the editors. The shift from passive buildings to reactive structures is now imperative, as climate change and political turmoil exacerbate the unpredictability of environments. *Werewolf* expands on the architect's agency to critically address political, social, and environmental unrest. Revealing the cunning and agile ways in which architecture can negotiate rather than resist change, this book departs from the fixed Vitruvian man and uses the figure of the werewolf to propose a model where changes of state, mutation, and decomposition are conceptually fundamental.

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