



## Women [Re]Build *Stories, Polemics, Futures*

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*Women [Re]Build: Stories, Polemics, Futures* is exemplary in its mission to combine in one resource reflections on the renewal of feminist thought in architecture (Framing Stories), challenges to practice made possible by activism (Shaping Polemics), and portrayals of inspiring practitioners who pave the way for future women architects (Building Futures). The goal of this edited book is to increase the visibility and voice of women who everyday challenge the definition and practice of architecture. *Women [Re]Build* gathers words and projects of leading women thinkers, activists, designers, and builders who have dared to ask, "where are the women?" Where are the women whose architectural work should be celebrated and recognized for its courage and impact; who have cultivated female leadership while challenging the very principles of the discipline they represent; and who've asked the most difficult and rigorous of questions of those who build their visions?

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