



Perspecta 40 Monster : The Yale Architectural Journal (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. A monster is in our midst, and its name is Architecture. Contemporary architecture is in many ways a monstrous thing. It is bigger, more broadly defined, increasingly complicated, more costly, and stylistically and formally heterogeneous -- if not downright unhinged. Not only is the scale of the built environment expanding, but so is the territory of the architectural profession itself. A perfect storm of history, technology, economics, politics, and pedagogy has generated a moment in time in which anything seems possible. The results have been at times strange and even frightening. Long ago, the birth of an abnormal creature was interpreted as a sign of looming trouble. These monstra -- from the Latin monere, to warn and monstrare, to show -- were viewed with both fear and fascination. This fortieth issue of Perspecta -- the oldest and most distinguished student-edited architectural journal in America -- examines architecture past and present through the lens of the monster. The contributors -- a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, and artists -- embrace the multitude of meanings this term carries in an attempt to understand how architecture arrived at its present..



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