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By Ian Grosvenor, Catherine Burke

Reaktion Books, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. As a specific form of architecture, the school is an amalgam of its function and its history. Though recognisable across cultures, the schoolhouse nevertheless retains the distinctive markings of different nations and eras. School is the first book to examine this institutional building's modern growth on a global scale. Ian Grosvenor and Catherine Burke demonstrate how school buildings help organise and discipline time and space for teachers and students, using methods ranging from bells to lines to lesson plans. They reveal the ways in which schools, by their actual physical situation - surrounded by swathes of green or butting up against other urban structures, in neighbourhoods stratified by class or segregated by race - make clear their place in society as fragmented sites of cultural memory and cultural creation. The authors further consider how new technologies and continuing globalization will inevitably force us to rethink our notions of school - and school buildings. In the twenty-first century, these shifts represent a radically new context for education. School provides a thoughtful engagement with this thoroughly modern building type; its structure, operations...



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