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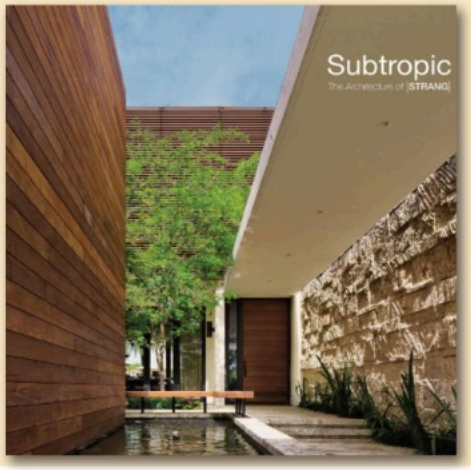
Books You Need Now

ISLAND'S SELECTIONS for what to read in the coming year is based on topics our readers love: marvelous architecture, daring design, interior furnishings and the built environment in general. This season we've selected six of our favorites, some are spanking new, while others are 2nd edition gems.

There is something for all of our readers here, whether your interest is piqued by a compendium of Art Deco era furnishings designed by Jean-Michel Frank, or the cutting edge work of a South Florida architect whose residential designs make absolute sense for the sub-tropics.

We've tried to be democratic in our picks, offering important volumes starting at $60 and lavish, coffee table books with a tag as high as $250. The choice is yours... just turn the page to see what's in store.



Subtropic: The Architecture of [STRANG] This handsome, slipcased volume focuses on 10 residences and features a chronology section with built and un-built work. Exquisite photography by Claudio Manzoni, Kris Tamburello, Robin Hill, Calder Wilson and others. There is an essay on the work of Strang by Anne-Marie Russell, Executive Director of Architecture Sarasota. Other contributions include a foreword by Aaron Betsky as well as architect Max Strang. The book weighs in at 668 breathtaking pages. Worth every penny.

Subtropic: The Architecture of [STRANG]
Oscar Riera Ojeda, publisher
$99 Available through Books & Books in Coral Gables and Bal Harbour, or place your Or order online at booksandbooks.com

Sottsass The re-release of this highly acclaimed title demonstrates the continual fascination, from both fans and collectors, with the life and work of Italian architect and designer Ettore Sottsass. The designer's work is popular and influential in equal measure, from his designs for Olivetti to the post-modern brilliance of the work of the Memphis Group, founded by Sottsass in Milan in 1980. Packed with beautiful images taken from the extensive Sottsass archives as well as drawings and sketches from the designer's countless sketchbooks, the book explores his entire career from the 1940s to the 2000s

Sottsass Edited by Phillipe Thome
Phaidon Press, publisher
$80 Available through Barnes & Noble, Fort Lauderdale
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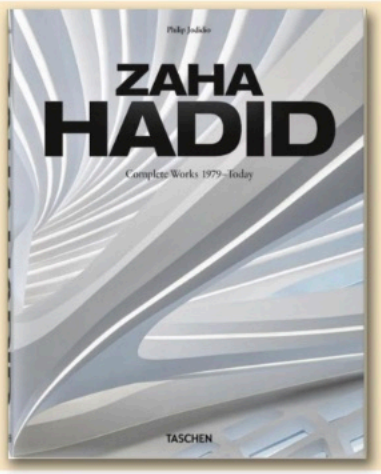

Zaha Hadid Architects Around 2007, with projects like the Guangzhou Opera House and Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center rising, Iraqi-born architect Zaha Hadid was finally getting the commissions - and accolades - she deserved for designing tuly visionary structures around the globe. Floridians know her work through One Thousand Museum, the 62-story high-rise now complete in Miami. Hadid was known for wild, deconstructivist designs. This volume is a veritable catalogue raisonné of Hadid's work, as they were indeed works of art.

Zaha Hadid Architects By Philip Jodidio
Taschen, publisher
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