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Reassessing the Impacts of an Urban Visionary

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"...what are the concrete links to the journalist activist and eminent female voice in urban studies who helped end so-called slum clearance? Examining her work, its reception and meaning for contemporary practice locally and globally, the contributions in this book provide a much-needed nuanced trans-disciplinary and trans-national contextualization of her work and philosophy."

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Based on cross-disciplinary and transnational approaches, this book offers new insights into Jane Jacobs's complex and often contrarian way of thinking. Now, more than 50 years after the initial publication of her famous book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961) in a period of rapid globalization and deregulated approaches in planning, new challenges have arisen. The contributors in this book argue that it is not possible simply to follow Jane Jacobs's ideas to the letter, but instead it is necessary to contextualize them and consider how they might be updated.

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