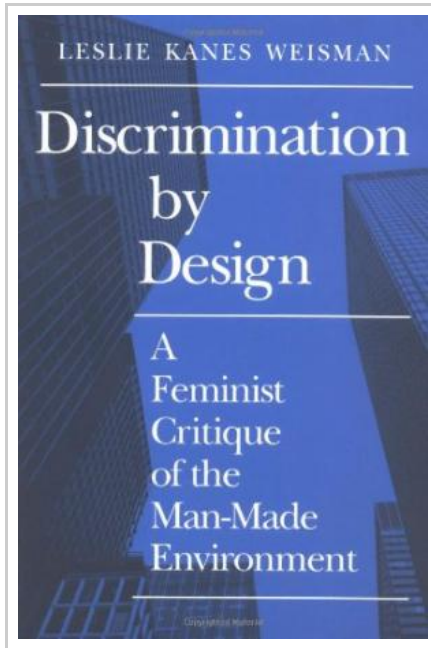




Discrimination by Design: A Feminist Critique of the Man Made Environment

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