

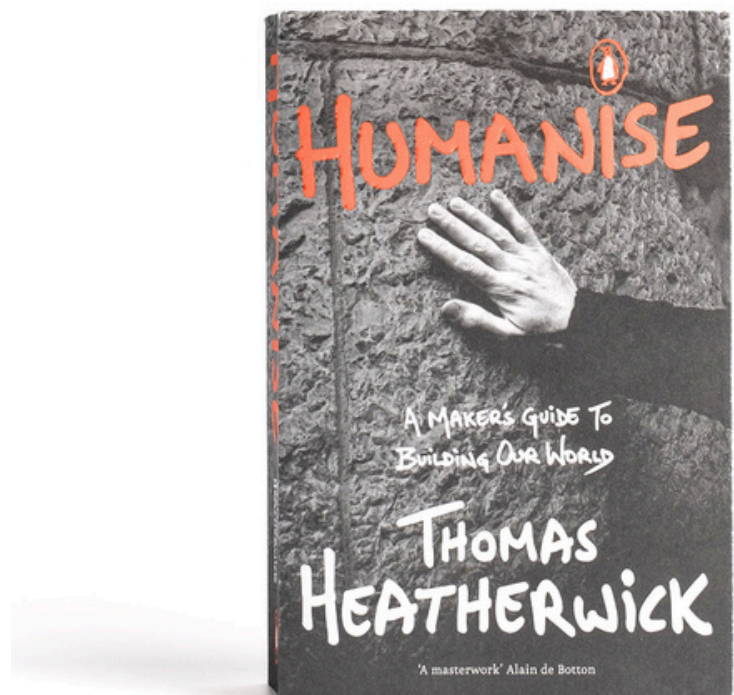
ABOUT THE BOOK

Humanise: a maker's guide to building our world, by the global designer Thomas Heatherwick, was published in 2023.

Now available in a number of languages, this manifesto for change explores how buildings and cities around the world lost their soul – and what we can do about it.

Drawing on recent advances in neuroscience and psychology, and thirty years of making bold, beautiful buildings, Heatherwick takes us on a journey full of vivid stories and insights, illustrated with hundreds of compelling images.

You don't need to be an architecture student to enjoy *Humanise* – it's very easy to read, doesn't use architectural jargon, and features lots of illustrations which help readers understand the argument.



WHAT READERS HAVE SAID

“*Humanise* is a masterwork. It’s quietly furious, impassioned, rigorous and forensic in all the right doses. It leaves me very hopeful indeed about how things could go from here.”

Alain de Botton

Founder of The School of Life and author of *The Architecture of Happiness*

“Thomas Heatherwick echoes many things I find myself saying as I travel round the country. How the hell did that monstrosity get built? Why is this place so depressing? Why is so much of the built environment so boring? This book is a super-accessible guide as to why we shouldn’t put up with soulless buildings and how we might change that.”

Grayson Perry

Artist, TV presenter and author of *The Descent of Man*

“Thomas Heatherwick brings a velvet sledgehammer to the way we think about buildings and how they change our lives. *Humanise* champions the passer-by and all of us who walk past endless boring buildings every single day.”

Simon Sinek

Author of *Start With Why*

“Heatherwick makes the case for human buildings that nurture our health and happiness. Out with the ‘blandemic’ of boring buildings and let’s get back to interestingness. He calls for us all to engage with our built environment and so we should.”

Dame Sally Davies

Former Chief Medical Officer for England

“A social and economic tour de force”

Mark Carney

Prime Minister of Canada and former Governor of the Bank of England

ABOUT THOMAS HEATHERWICK

Thomas Heatherwick is one of the world's most prolific designers, whose varied work over three decades is characterised by its originality, inventiveness and humanity. Defying conventional classifications, Heatherwick founded his studio in 1994 to bring together architecture, urban planning, product design and interiors into a single creative workspace. Heatherwick Studio has completed projects including Azabudai Hills, a new neighbourhood in Tokyo; Little Island, a public park in New York City; Google's first ground-up campus in California; the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art in Cape Town; and Coal Drops Yard, a major new retail district in King's Cross, London.



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