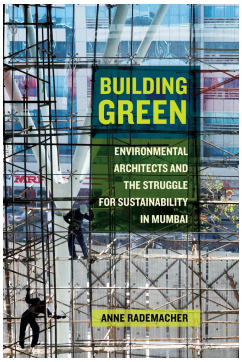
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# *Building Green: Environmental Architects and the Struggle for Sustainability in Mumbai*

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