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"In this volume, Sherin Wing has created a primer on the architecture, ritual, and design of contemporary sacred spaces. Featuring the works of seven architects, her exceptionally clear writing presents interviews alongside foundational essays, drawings, and photographs to elucidate a range of spiritual building projects. From Taiwan to South Carolina, from monasteries to mosques, the reader comes away with a humanistic awareness of the rich tapestry of spaces that house our most profound individual and collective identities." - **Dana Cuff, Professor, Architecture and Urban Design, UCLA and Director, cityLAB-UCLA, USA**

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### About the Author

Sherin Wing received her Ph.D. in the Humanities from UCLA, USA. In addition to being a published scholar, she also writes for several publications including *Architecture Magazine*, *ArchDaily.com*, the *Huffington Post*, and *Metropolis Magazine* on a wide range of issues surrounding the cultural, economic, and social aspects of architecture.

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