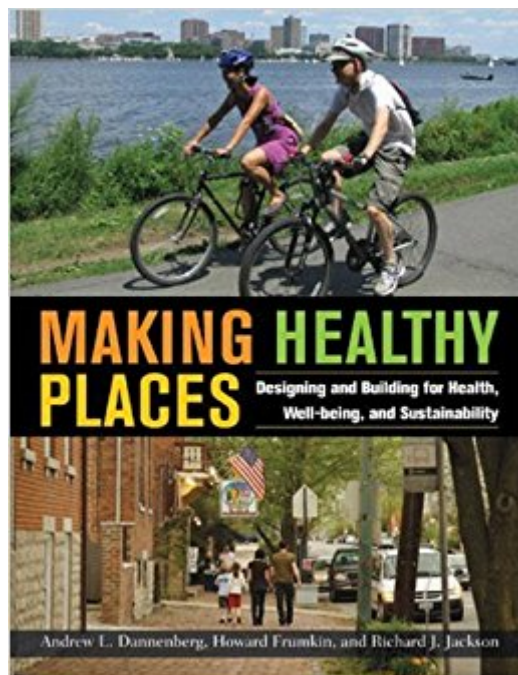




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Making Healthy Places: Designing And Building For Health, Well-being, And Sustainability



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Good material and content, but man this is a dry read. It is not engaging like it could be given the topic. Chapters should be shorter and more to the point. There are a lot of words but not much being said a lot of the time.

Excellent book on a timely subject. A must read for policy makers, planners, designers/architects

Good read to help planners comply with all of the healthy community and sustainability issues being advocated by "those who know better."

Great textbook.

This book has been an excellent tool for my research project at the PhD. Easy to find the information I need.

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