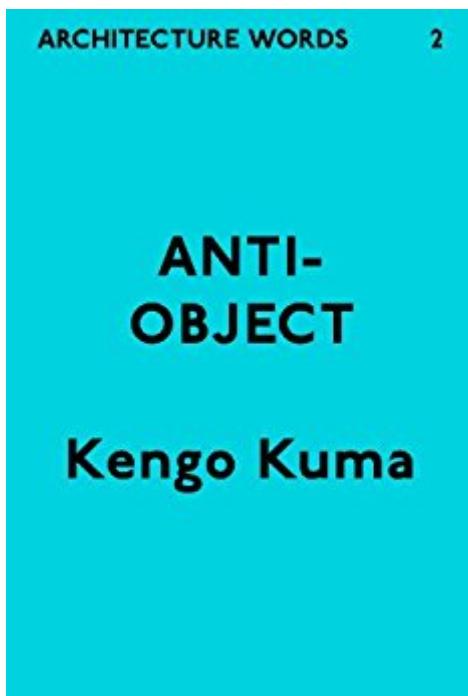


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# Architecture Words 2: Anti-Object



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It's a great read. I'm currently in grad school and it helps a lot when thinking about the design of the buildings and the idea of space is really well explained. A Must read for new architects.

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