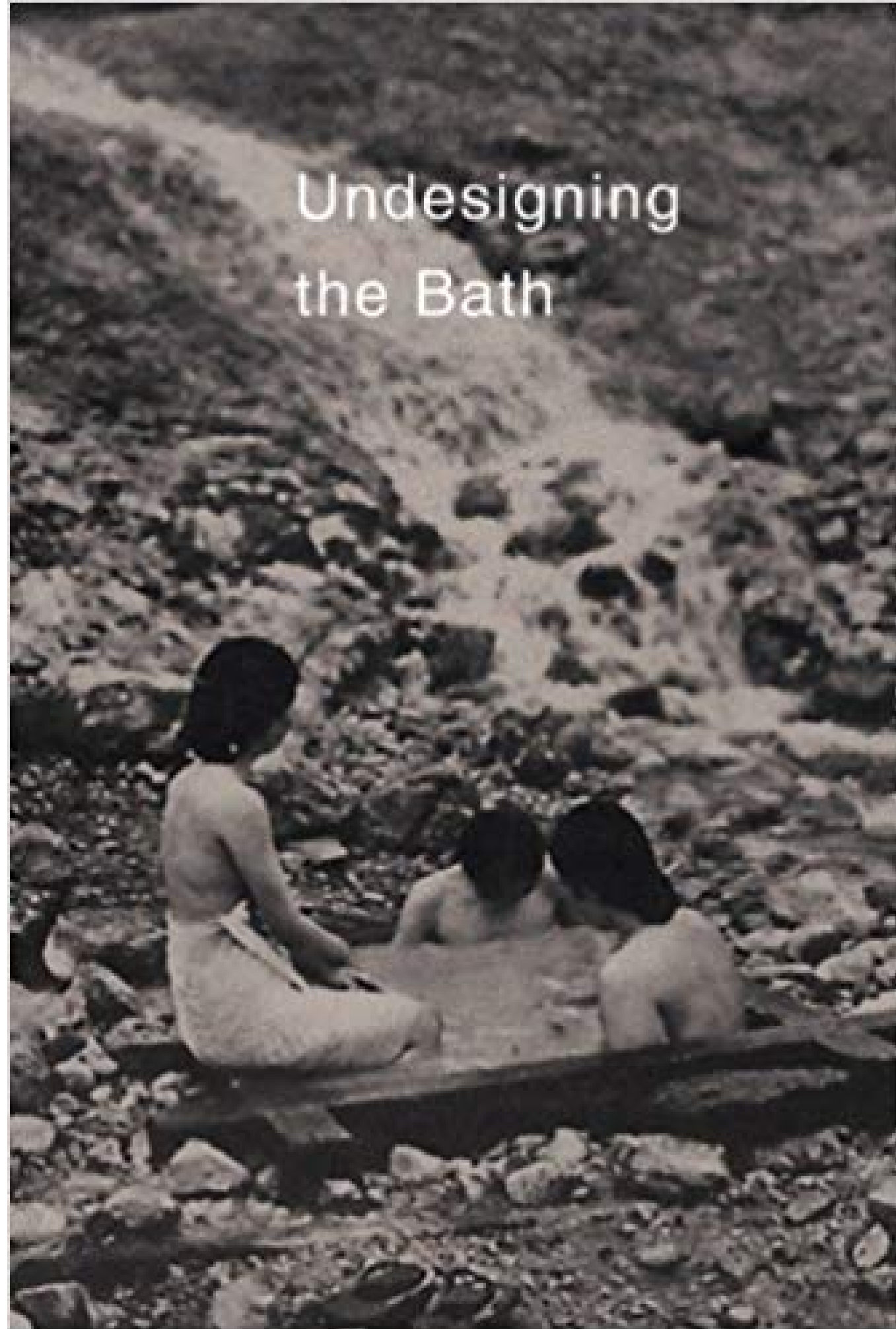


Undesigning the Bath



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Why are most designers (architectural, interior, or industrial) incapable of creating deeply satisfying bathing conditions? Extraordinary baths rather are complex and distinctly elemental--earthy, sensual, and animistic. Because the crucial metaphors of design--effectiveness, slick modernity, overwhelming visible appeal--are antagonistic to a profound bathing experience. They're created by natural geological processes or by composers of sensory arousal working in an intuitive, poetic, open-minded--undesign--manner.



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For those of you who plan to build your bathroom around your personal outdoor hot spring
This little booklet could have gotten a better review from me if it had focused less on the shortcomings of modern architecture and had provided some useful ideas for those who really need to design better baths for his or her homes. You can find nice older photos from the sixties of individuals savoring outdoor baths in mountain sizzling springs, seaside tide pools and desert mud holes. There's very little text, and what there's I didn't find especially enlightening. The essential takeaway is certainly: (1) outdoor skinny dipping = undesigned = good; His thinking is rarified and can inspire. and (3) bathrooms assembled from modern plumbing fixtures = designed = bad.Chances are that your choices about plumbing will end up being influenced by reading Koren. Five Stars I have almost every book Leonard Koren has written. absolut amazing to understand our idea of bath, cleanness and the ritual.how our tradition doesn't experience the bath as a ritual of awareness of the body,our period for ourself.we dropped this ritual as a part our lifes, we dont possess period!!You will be subjected to ontology, epistemology, and axiology of the bath for an extremely reasonable price. The photos recommend the ulitimate bathing experience comes from several outdoor, earthy, natural baths. The writer spends half the publication informing us why arhitects can't design baths. Makes me need to bash the wall space down and bath outside. Ancient to contemporary. And you can find so many areas of our lives that have been 'boxed', it helped me to dream outside of the box, although for most people we won't have the extravagance of this kind of encounter. Oh well, I'll stop here as this review has already been longer than the publication. (2) indoor bathing in Japanese plastic tubs = much less designed, less good, but acceptable; Philosophy of Bathing This is not for the intrepid house remodeler. Instead, it is for contemplation of the take action of cleaning and renewal: how finding your way through this act impacts one's personal space: and how the bath creates and reinforces important social features.Reading the book needs some energy. I suggest that you browse the footnotes and look at the photographs as you read.! Nevertheless, in this ten minute examine there is not a one idea for those folks who live with indoor plumbing, and might not have a situation conducive to jumping from the window right into a snow lender, and from there into our personal mountain warm spring waterfall. radical bathing An inspiring take on the elemental pleasures of bathing and your body. The energy of environment, comparison of minimalist and over-the-top, to awaken the senses. Although an extremely expensive little publication, it certainly takes bathing to a fresh level. extremely interesting content Amazing photos of inspirational bathing conditions. Strongly suggested for sublime musings on the perfect bath--to built or take. Lost in the Clouds If you are looking for any sort of practical advice, you won't think it is here.but we dont have time and energy to enjoy the water over our head. The rest of the book is normally spent potificating on vague notions of the bath knowledge.we have time to everything, we've time and energy to watch, to see, to learn, to listen. If you have a desire to create a mud-pit bath in your backyard, examine this publication. Otherwise, forget it.



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