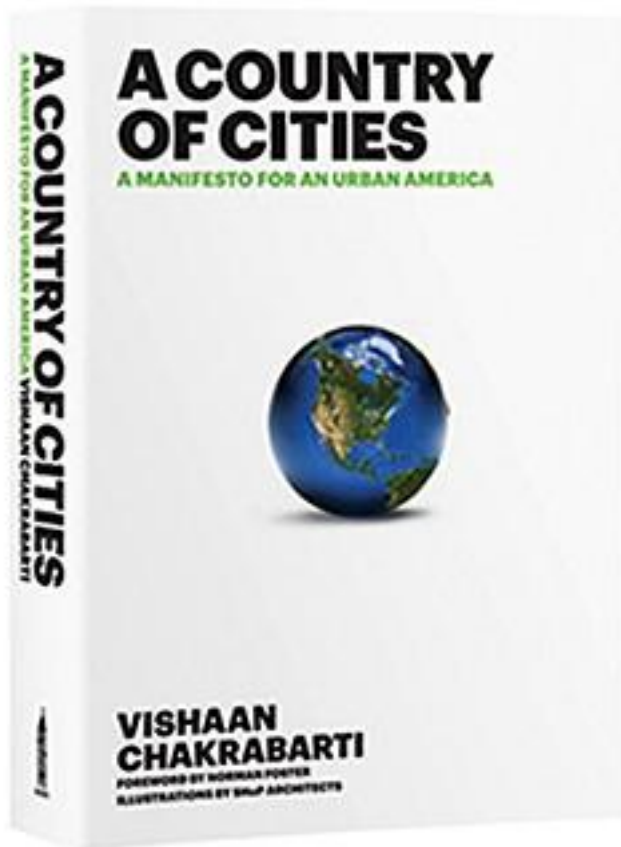


A Country of Cities



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In *A Country of Cities*, author Vishaan Chakrabarti argues that well-designed cities are the key to solving America's great national challenges: environmental degradation, unsustainable consumption, economic stagnation, rising public health costs and decreased social mobility. If we develop them wisely in the future, our cities can be the

force leading us into a new era of progressive and prosperous stewardship of our nation. In compelling chapters, Chakrabarti brings us a wealth of information about cities, suburbs and exurbs, looking at how they developed across the 50 states and their roles in prosperity and globalization, sustainability and resilience, and health and joy. Counter to what you might think, American cities today are growing faster than their suburban counterparts for the first time since the 1920s. If we can intelligently increase the density of our cities as they grow and build the transit systems, schools, parks and other infrastructure to support them, Chakrabarti shows us how both job opportunities and an improved, sustainable environment are truly within our means. In this call for an urban America, he illustrates his argument with numerous infographics illustrating provocative statistics on issues as disparate as rising childhood obesity rates, ever-lengthening automobile commutes and government subsidies that favor highways over mass transit. The book closes with an eloquent manifesto that rallies us to build "a Country of Cities," to turn a country of highways, houses and hedges into a country of trains, towers and trees.

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GSAPP RED lecture: Hyperdensity and the future of the city, text book. 作者是SHoP Architect的director之一。这本以畅销书口吻写的书，试图给出一个政治意义上的manifesto, call for a move towards hyperdensity in American cities.

作者期待能借此书激起architects, urban planners, policy makers之间的讨论。我个人感觉这书缺乏足够多而有力的论据支持论点，书中多是（特别对美国人来说）一些或许大家都熟悉的事实。不过还是能激起一些兴趣去研究美国的都市密度问题。不当作学术读物，或许有望成为一本还不错的畅销书？

这书写到后面已经丧心病狂了，城市化大法好，建高楼保平安

这本书应该可以改变很多国内设计师对于城市的曲解。在目前城市化越来越迅速的趋势下，深入理解城市——作为一个庞大的有机体，能够对于自然环境，社会环境产生多少广泛的积极影响极为重要。书里面介绍的如何通过协调建筑，基础设施，景观，政策来建立一个高效的都市系统，非常值得国内参考。从这本书的论点上来说，高度以及健全都市化的确可以有效改善环境，人口，能源等问题。（我居然能拿中文说出来我太牛逼了==）

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