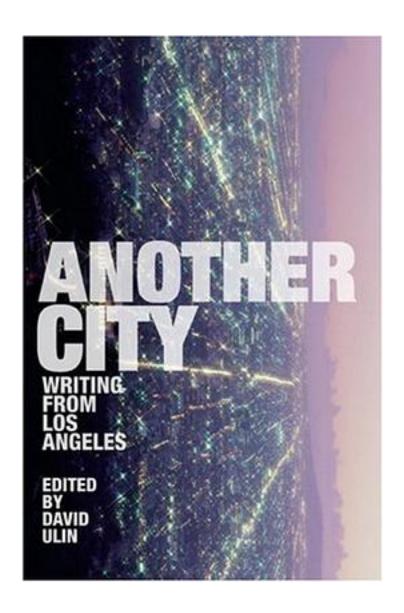
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In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, burgeoning American cities like New Orleans and Philadelphia seemed increasingly chaotic. Noise, odours, and a feverish level of activity on the streets threatened to overwhelm the senses. Growing populations placed new demands on every aspect of the urban landscape, from streets, parks and schools, to asylums, cemeteries, markets and waterfronts. In this unique exploration of the early history of urban architecture and design, leading architectural historian Dell Upton reveals the fascinating confluence of sociological, cultural, and psychological factors that shaped American cities in the antebellum years. Through contemporary travel accounts, diaries, and correspondence, as well as maps, architectural drawings, paintings, and prints - many previously unpublished - Upton investigates not only how buildings were designed, streets were laid out, and urban space was put to use, but also why. He offers original insights into the way cities were imagined, and an extensive selection of illustrations to recreate the various features of urban landscape in the nineteenth century.

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