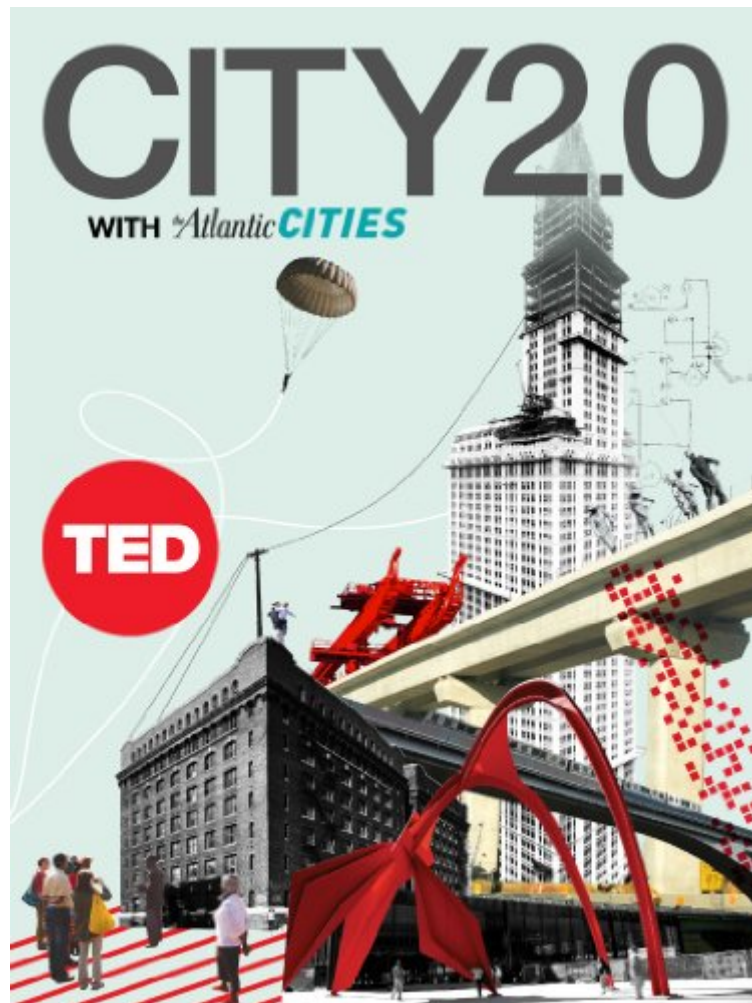


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# City 2.0: The Habitat Of The Future And How To Get There (TED Books Book 31)



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The world's cities are on pace to balloon from 3.6 billion inhabitants today to more than 6 billion by mid-century. As a result, we face both a dire emergency and a tremendous opportunity. At their best, our modern cities are hubs of human connection, fountains of creativity, and exemplars of green living. Yet at the same time, they still suffer the symptoms of industrial urbanization: pollution, crowding, crime, social fragmentation, and dehumanization. Now is the time to envision what cities can be and to transform them. This book, produced in partnership with the Atlantic Cities, celebrates 12 promising, provocative responses to this challenge, in realms ranging from transportation to food to art. It asks and begins to answer: How can we transform cities to be sustainable, efficient, beautiful, and invigorating to the human soul? And practically speaking, how do we get from here to there?

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City 2.0 is a short book of highly interesting and enlightening essays about city life, now and in the years to come. Published by the visionaries at TED, it features a series of short, genuinely brilliant pieces that describe how some cities are innovating their processes, infrastructure and built

environments to make life better for their current residents and to prepare to accommodate the tens of thousands of people who are expected to move into cities during the next 40 or so years. For a mere \$2.99 you can download this excellent book to your Kindle or any handheld that is running the Kindle application. Then start reading and be surprised. You'll learn how walkable cities contribute to public health by creating friendly streets that encourage walking rather than driving. Author Jeff Speck writes in the essay entitled, *Walkable Cities*, "Increasingly, it is becoming clear that the American health care crisis is largely an urban design crisis, with walkability at the heart of the cure." Speck describes how Oklahoma City, rated by *Prevention Magazine* as one of the "10 Worst US Walking Cities" in 2008, took action to make itself more friendly to pedestrians. It re-examined its wide driving lanes and one-way streets, both of which encourage speeding. The city narrowed lanes, restored two-way traffic, installed bike lanes and planted several thousand street trees. With the space saved from narrowing the driving lanes, more than 800 parallel parking spaces were added to one of the city's main streets, Robinson Avenue. Not only did this result in a far more pleasant streetscape, but local businesses directly benefited. Why? Because for every parking space that is removed from a street an adjacent business loses about \$10,000 per year in sales!

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