



A timely survey of the 'smart light' movement animating and enriching our urban spaces around the world.

SuperLux

Smart Light Art, Design & Architecture for Cities

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Electric lighting has hugely transformed since Thomas Edison invented the first electric light, from the discovery of LEDs right up to the wireless networking used in today's smart phones and tablets. Architects and designers have appropriated these contemporary systems to transform and curate urban environments around the globe. With the development of cool to the touch electroluminescent light or 'smart light' cities can be beautifully illuminated whilst being environmentally friendly.

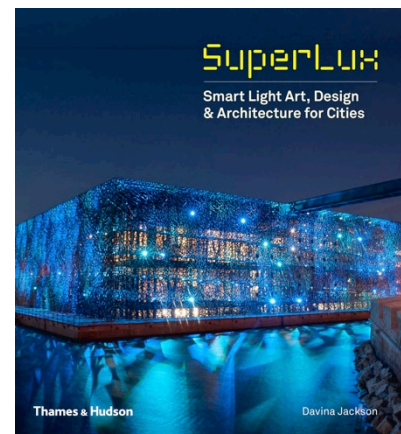
SuperLux is the world's first comprehensive monograph surveying recent smart light milestones and triumphs. The book contains more than more than 130 artworks of post-2008 examples of energy-effective light installations – illuminated buildings, bridges, streets, parks, plazas, media walls, public interiors and water features, including interactions, videos screened across historic building facades and augmented reality games using mobile devices. There is also an illustrated timeline of historical achievements with luminous structures – using paint, perforations, projections and pixel screens.

The book's three sections focus on projects that use light to animate architecture and media screens (Elevations); enliven public areas (Environment); and engage people personally with their surroundings (Exhibits). Punctuating the pictorial sections are nine 'genre summaries' by editor Davina Jackson; informative essays by European designer-scholars Mary-Anna Kyriakou, Vesna Petresin, Thomas Schielke and Peter Weibel; and an ecological critique by renewable energy expert, Peter Droege.

As buildings, public spaces and even homes become increasingly interactive, smart lighting design is reshaping our lives. *SuperLux*, a timely publication supporting the UNESCO Year of Light 2015, reveals how to understand and enjoy our new lunar spectacles.

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