

The allure of mobile, portable architecture is worldwide and centuries old. From the desert tents of the Bedouin to the silvery capsules of the Airstream trailer, mobile architecture has inspired designers with its singular characteristics of lightness, transience, and practicality. In *More Mobile*, the follow-up to her groundbreaking 2002 book *Mobile*, Jennifer Siegal explores the ever-growing range of possibilities of portable, demountable structures. From serious Refuge Wear to the playful Furnicycle and the practical Kunsthallen, *More Mobile* explores the methods and finished work of the most exciting contemporary designers working in this field and presents today's most dynamic, active mobile structures with beautiful color images, detailed drawings, and insightful texts.

Editor Jennifer Siegal has a long history of working in mobile media. As a graduate student in architecture, she owned and operated a hot dog cart. Her grandfather had similarly sold hot dogs on Coney Island. Together they had lively conversations about the advantages of owning a mobile business and how efficient and responsive one could be by simply packing up and moving in minutes.

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As a designer and educator, Siegal traveled around Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Mexico, and Eastern and Southern Europe and taught in various American universities. However, it was the experience she had in Vietnam, with its vivid array of temporary businesses and dwellings, that was particularly poignant. So many of its structures were on wheels and in the street, fashioned from carts, bikes, and motorcycles—all makeshift prosthetic devices propelling the landscape.

In 1998 Siegal founded Office of Mobile Design with a desire to rethink notions of what architectural practice and standard building conventions have been. OMD recognizes that while the evolution of high-tech gadgets—cell phones, laptops, PDAs, the internet—has done much to boost our means of communication, our conventional ways of building and dwelling have yet to be brought into generation mobile.