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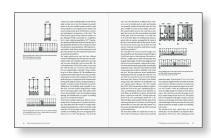
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Mass housing and urban planning are a key element in North Korea's material foundation. In the post-war era, the country attempted to socialise all types of living spaces – from small apartment rooms to urban settings – based on political ideology. The idea that North Korea's political forces are brainwashing their people is superficial – as testimonies from many defectors have revealed.

By exploring home culture and daily life, this book aims to capture the actual life of North Koreans, who have largely supported the country's unique dictatorial political system. To this end, it uses drawings, maps, and diagrams obtained from various archives. While these are neutral forms of communication, they also convey the actual intentions of North Korean architects and planners hidden behind the deceitful claims of political leaders.

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