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Ever since his self-proclamation as part of the “New York Five,” **Richard Meier** has risen through one top commission after another to the dizzy heights of architectural stardom. From Madison Square Garden to Shenzhen, China, his **sleek, luminously white modernism** has created some of the most high-profile, and distinctive, buildings of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Meier’s portfolio is as varied as it is illustrious. He has worked with Roman treasures (the Ara Pacis Museum), seaside resorts (Jesolo Lido Village), civic centers (San Jose City Hall), and private clients in the Hamptons. On each project, Meier’s hallmarks are **careful grid plans, and expansive use of white surfacing and glass**. The buildings are as much **beacons of brilliance** from the exterior as they are **temples to clarity and purpose** inside.

This introductory book traces Meier’s complete career to explore the making of a cult architect. With abundant images, we take in all his most famous projects, such as the **Getty Center** in Los Angeles, as well as his most recent works such as the **OCT Shenzhen Clubhouse** in Shenzhen, China and the **Burda Collection Museum** in Baden-Baden, Germany.

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