



## Suburban Dreams: Imagining and building the Good Life (Hardback)

By Greg Dickinson

The University of Alabama Press, United States, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. 2nd ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book. Suburban Dreams: Imagining and Building the Good Life explores how the suburban imaginary, composed of the built environment and imaginative texts, functions as a resource for living out the good life. Starting with the premise that suburban films, residential neighbourhoods, chain restaurants, malls, and megachurches are compelling forms (topos) that shape and materialize the everyday lives of residents and visitors, Greg Dickinson s Suburban Dreams offers a rhetorically attuned critical analysis of contemporary American suburbs and the good life their residents pursue. Dickinson s analysis suggests that the good life is rooted in memory and locality, both of which are foundations for creating a sense of safety central to the success of suburbs. His argument is situated first in a discussion of the intersections among buildings, cities, and the good life and the challenges to these relationships wrought by the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries. The argument then turns to rich, fully-embodied analyses of suburban films and a series of archetypal suburban landscapes to explore how memory, locality, and safety interact in constructing the suburban imaginary. Moving from the pastoralism of residential neighbourhoods...



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