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## WELLS BECKER

**Speculative Everything** Fordham University Press  
 Buckminster Fullers explorations as an architect, engineer, philosopher and futurist are extended into experimental book form through his collaboration with producer Jerome Agel and designer Quentin Fiore. *I Seem to Be A Verbs* utopian plans, clever insights and light-hearted musings rub elbows with revelatory and often jolting reminders that we are in motion, full of impulsive nerves, flowing blood and constant thought. This fun and challenging book is packed with images, dense layouts and narratives reading both front to back and in reverse. All this to remind us that we are verbs, not nouns! Buckminster Fuller was awarded 25 patents, invented the geodesic dome, the dymaxion car and was expelled from Harvard twice. *I Seem to Be a Verb* was originally published in 1970. I am convinced that creativity is a priori to the integrity of the universe and that life is regenerative and conformity meaningless. R. Buckminster Fuller. [I Seem to Be a Verb](#) Springer  
 It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war. Hideki lives with his family on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When the Second World War crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: Don't come back until you've killed an American soldier. Ray, a young American Marine, has just landed on Okinawa. This is Ray's first-ever battle, and he doesn't know what to expect -- or if he'll make it out alive. All he knows that the enemy is everywhere. Hideki and Ray each fight their way across the island, surviving heart-pounding ambushes and dangerous traps. But then the two of them collide in the middle of the battle... And choices they make in that single instant will change everything. Alan Gratz, New York Times bestselling author of *Refugee*, returns with this high-octane story of how fear and war tear us apart, but how hope and redemption tie us together. Reviews for *Refugee*: "An absolute must read for people of all ages" - Hannah Greendale, Goodreads "Like RJ Palacio's *Wonder*, this book should be mandatory reading..." - Skip, Goodreads "I liked how the book linked history with adventure, and combined to make a realistic storyline for all three characters" - AJH, aged 11, Toppsta  
**On Alberti and the Art of Building** Birkhäuser  
 "This is a collection of extraordinary personalities captured on film in Williams's revealing, unpretentious casually evocative photographs, and decoded through Williams's intimate, often hilarious, extended captions and essays."--BOOK JACKET.  
*Your private sky* Lars Muller Publishers

And it Came to Pass – Not to Stay brings together a selection of Buckminster Fuller's lyrical and philosophical best, including seven "essays" in a form he called his "ventilated prose" which address global crises and his predictions for the future. These essays, including "How Little I Know," "What I am Trying to Do," "Soft Revolution," and "Ethics," put the task of ushering in a new era of humanity in the context of "always starting with the universe." In rare form, Fuller elegantly weaves the personal, the playful, the simple, and the profound. Description by Lars Muller Publishers, courtesy of The Estate of Buckminster Fuller  
**Ideas and Integrities** Springer Science & Business Media  
 "Henry Smith's father told him that if you build your house far enough away from Trouble, then Trouble will never find you." But Trouble comes careening down the road one night in the form of a pickup truck that strikes Henry's older brother, Franklin. In the truck is Chay Chouan, a young Cambodian from Franklin's preparatory school, and the accident sparks racial tensions in the school—and in the well-established town where Henry's family has lived for generations. Caught between anger and grief, Henry sets out to do the only thing he can think of: climb Mt. Katahdin, the highest mountain in Maine, which he and Franklin were going to climb together. Along with Black Dog, whom Henry has rescued from drowning, and a friend, Henry leaves without his parents' knowledge. The journey, both exhilarating and dangerous, turns into an odyssey of discovery about himself, his older sister, Louisa, his ancestry, and why one can never escape from Trouble. *Utopia or Oblivion* Yale University Press  
 The masterwork of a brilliant career, and an important document of the crisis now facing mankind. Today we find ourselves in the midst of the greatest crisis in the history of the human race. Technology has placed in our hands almost unlimited power at the very moment when we have run up against the limits of our resources aboard Spaceship Earth, as the crises of the late twentieth century—political, economic, environmental, and ethical—determine whether or not humanity survives. In this masterful summing up of an entire lifetime's thought and concern, R. Buckminster Fuller addresses these crucial issues in his most significant, accessible, and urgent work. *Critical Path* traces the origins and evolution of humanity's social, political, and economic systems from the obscure mists of prehistory, through the development of the great political empires, to the vast international corporate and political systems that control our destiny today to show how we got to our present situation and what options are available to man. With his customary brilliance, extraordinary energy, and unlimited devotion, Bucky Fuller shows how mankind can survive, and how each individual can respond to the unprecedented threat we face today. The crowning achievement of an extraordinary career, *Critical Path* offers the

reader the excitement of understanding the essential dilemmas of our time and how responsible citizens can rise to meet this ultimate challenge to our future.

*Flags in the Dust* Springer Science & Business Media  
 This title, which complements the volume *Your Private Sky: The Art of Design Science* (see page 44), gives an authentic insight into the development of Fuller's architectonic, technical, & anthropological concepts. Fuller was the epitome of the poet as engineer, the thinker as designer, the artist as researcher. He left behind a voluminous quantity of writing, including texts of visionary importance & penetrating linguistic force, as well as of urgent topicality. The book documents various aspects of Fuller's widely respected texts. These testaments were intended to be shared with the whole world, or, as Fuller coined it in 1950, with "Spaceship Earth."###3-7643-6072-0  
*Nine Chains to the Moon* Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller  
 "This intellectual biography rethinks the legacy of one of the key protagonists of the twentieth century. It shows that the obsessive, eccentric brilliance of Buckminster Fuller, as a unique amalgam of theorist, designer, and performance artist, was devoted completely to the architecture of radio. The book draws extensively on Fuller's archive to follow his thinking from toilets to telepathy, plastics to prosthetics, nanostructures to networks, and deep data to deep space. It shows that the critical arguments and material techniques of arguably the single most exposed designer of the last century were too radical to be grasped at the time but have become urgently relevant today. Fuller becomes a crucial reference point in trying to understand and engage our increasingly electronic world."--Page 4 de la couverture  
*Fuller Houses* Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller  
 The International Bestseller 'I can't help that my music shows who I am in this moment, what I'm drawn to, what I'm wondering about. I don't want to help it. What you hear in the words, what you feel in those songs - that's what I was feeling when I wrote them. I want you to see me, just like I want to see you.' - Justin Timberlake  
 In his first book, Justin Timberlake creates a characteristically dynamic experience, one that combines intimate reflections and observations on his life and work, with hundreds of candid photographs from his personal archives. He looks back on his childhood and his very early love of music, and reveals the inspiration behind many of his songs and albums. He explores his internal songwriting process, and his collaborations with other artists and directors. He also reflects on who he is, examining what makes him tick, speaking candidly about fatherhood, family, close relationships, struggles, and his search to find an inner calm and strength. This is the Prince of Pop as you've never seen him before.  
*Your Private Sky* Gingko Press

How to use design as a tool to create not only things but ideas, to speculate about possible futures. Today designers often focus on making technology easy to use, sexy, and consumable. In *Speculative Everything*, Anthony Dunne and Fiona Raby propose a kind of design that is used as a tool to create not only things but ideas. For them, design is a means of speculating about how things could be—to imagine possible futures. This is not the usual sort of predicting or forecasting, spotting trends and extrapolating; these kinds of predictions have been proven wrong, again and again. Instead, Dunne and Raby pose “what if” questions that are intended to open debate and discussion about the kind of future people want (and do not want). *Speculative Everything* offers a tour through an emerging cultural landscape of design ideas, ideals, and approaches. Dunne and Raby cite examples from their own design and teaching and from other projects from fine art, design, architecture, cinema, and photography. They also draw on futurology, political theory, the philosophy of technology, and literary fiction. They show us, for example, ideas for a solar kitchen restaurant; a flypaper robotic clock; a menstruation machine; a cloud-seeding truck; a phantom-limb sensation recorder; and devices for food foraging that use the tools of synthetic biology. Dunne and Raby contend that if we speculate more—about everything—reality will become more malleable. The ideas freed by speculative design increase the odds of achieving desirable futures.

*Women* Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller

B. Fuller (1895-1983) war einer der einflussreichsten technologischen Visionäre dieses Jahrhunderts. Als Architekt, Ingenieur, Unternehmer und Poet war er ein Selbmademan typisch amerikanischen Zuschnitts. Als Technologe mit der Phantasie eines Dichters, war er ein Aussenseiter, der bereits in den 30er Jahren eine Theorie der Umweltkontrollen entwickelte ("more with less," "how to make the world work") und die globale Vernetzung des Internet vorwegnahm. Schlagworte unserer Zeit wie "think global - act local," "Raumschiff Erde" od. "Synergetik" gehen auf ihn als Urheber zurück. Dieses visuelle Lesebuch präsentiert Fullers Schaffen als fulminanten Ausdruck eines bedingungslos optimistischen Technokraten, dessen Vision des fA1/4hrerlosen "Raumschiffs Erde" ihn veranlasst, auf verschiedenen Gebieten konstruktiver Gestaltung Prinzipien der Wirkungsmaximierung zu untersuchen. Die Publikation lässt seine poetischen Manifeste ebenso wenig ausser acht wie seine fA1/4r die technologische Entwicklung in diesem Jahrhundert massgebliche Forschung und Erfindung auf dem Gebiet der Mathematik, der Konstruktion und der Kommunikation.

**Hindsight** Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller

*Building Books* gives insight into the process of creating a book. In seven thematic fields the author lays out the premises of his activity as a designer and publisher: vision, context, process, protest, object, duration, effect. The reference to the process of building and the parallels to architecture is in keeping with Lars Müller's conviction that a book design emerges from an understanding of its content. The author describes the principles of his activity, settles accounts, takes stock after twenty-five years of Lars Müller Publishers, looks into the future, and speculates about the book's chances in competition with rapid digital media.

**A Fuller Explanation** Lars Muller Publishers

Works of art were created in the England of the 50s and 60s which are of extraordinary topicality today. This applies particularly to the Independent Group which included artists, photographers as well as architects. Its members strove to achieve an authenticity close to the grass roots of life, to discover the essence of the everyday, to arouse a sensitivity to life in the raw as against a touched-up version of reality, to bring out both

its hardships and its charm. The book is about architecture and art and photography. It seeks rather to show the unmediated impact and direct appeal of a refractory aesthetics.

**Trouble** UNESCO

A series of twenty-one original triangular lithographs (with narrative captions) which may be displayed in a helical scroll of linked tetrahedra. They were executed during the years 1975 and 1976 under the guiding light of Tatyana Grosman (to whom Fuller had been introduced by Edwin Schlossberg) at her ULAE print workshop in West Islip, Long Island. In something of a publishing innovation this trade book was brought out concurrently with a limited edition of the signed original lithographs. Michael Denney was the editorial impresario at St. Martin's and Ronald Feldman Fine Arts handled the exhibition of the lithographs. Fuller composed the *Tetrascroll* between the publication of *Synergetics* in 1975 and *Synergetics 2* in 1979. He had been frustrated by the rigid structure of the synergetics books which, despite certain advantages, he felt robbed the work of spontaneity and narrative force. To compensate for this Fuller worked feverishly on the *Tetrascroll* as a free-form obligato to the synergetics books. He explained to me at the time, "The empirical, the scientific way to present the argument of synergetics is the way I am doing it in *Goldilocks*. Description by Ed Applewhite, courtesy of The Estate of Buckminster Fuller

**Tetrascroll** Lars Muller Publishers

This powerful photography collection, drawn from the celebrated National Geographic archive, reveals the lives of women from around the globe, accompanied by revelatory new interviews and portraits of contemporary trailblazers including Oprah Winfrey, Jane Goodall, and Christiane Amanpour. #MeToo. #GirlBoss. Time's Up. From Silicon Valley to politics and beyond, women are reshaping our world. Now, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, this bold and inspiring book from National Geographic mines 130 years of photography to showcase their past, their present, and their future. With 400+ stunning images from more than 50 countries, each page of this glorious book offers compelling testimony about what it means to be female, from historic suffragettes to the haunting, green-eyed "Afghan girl." Organized around chapter themes like grit, love, and joy, the book features brand-new commentary from a wide swath of luminaries including Laura Bush, Gloria Allred, Roxane Gay, Melinda Gates, New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern, and the founders of the #MeToo and Black Lives Matter movements. Each is accompanied by a bold new portrait, shot by acclaimed NG photographer Erika Larsen. The ultimate coffee table book, this iconic collection provides definitive proof that the future is female.

**As Found** Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller

With the appearance of *Grunch of Giants*, R. Buckminster Fuller consummates his literary canon, his panoramic lifetime survey of all aspects of the responsibility of human beings for their own destiny. This book is a modern allegory - his long-gestated myth of the villainy of capitalism and the fecklessness of classic economics. For Fuller, the academic discipline of economics is irrelevant since it derives from an invalid assumption of scarcity. In fact, he has long argued that future historians of our era may subsume our business practices as a branch of mythology; thus it is not surprising that the word economic appears nowhere in his text. Fuller's myth is no idle fairy tale, since he faces his question - the question of a technological imperative which only he could raise with the deadly seriousness of satire. That question is: Can our system of national political sovereignties and corporate profits survive the inevitable technology revolution required to obviate wars by effecting a worldwide rise in the standard of living. One of the functions of myth is to resolve contradictions in our culture.

*Grunch of Giants* portrays the rising of multinational corporations in the paradoxical role of function both as the epitome of capitalistic selfishness and as the inadvertent vehicle for the dissolution of national political boundaries - the last deterrent to a one-world economy. The result is more subversive of the property and profit values of the capitalist system than anything dreamed of since Karl Marx. —E.J. Applewhite, collaborator with RBF on *Synergetics* and *Synergetics 2*, author of *Cosmic Fishing: A Memoir of Working With R. Buckminster Fuller*

**A Palpable Elysium** Estate of R. Buckminster Fuller

Vernon Sternberg of the S.I.U Press was responsible for bringing out the first edition of this collection of occasional pieces. In addition to the title piece, written in 1940, it includes other blank verses: "Machine Tools," 1940; "The Historical Attempt by Man to Convert His Evolution from a Subjective to an Objective Process," 1948; "Universal Requirements of a Dwelling Advantage," 1917-62; "The Fuller Research Foundation," 1946-51; A Comprehensive Anticipatory Design Science," 1956; and two prose essays with geometrical diagrams and tables, "Introduction to Omnidirectional Halo," 1959, and "omnidirectional Halo," 1960. I once asked Fuller whether No More Secondhand God meant secondhand as in clothes or second hand as in watch? He seemed bemused by the question and answered with a casualness I found suspect—"Now that you mention it," he said, "I suppose both." Description by Ed Applewhite, courtesy of The Estate of Buckminster Fuller

**Humans in Universe** Vitra Design

In a broad sense Design Science is the grammar of a language of images rather than of words. Modern communication techniques enable us to transmit and reconstitute images without the need of knowing a specific verbal sequential language such as the Morse code or Hungarian. International traffic signs use international image symbols which are not specific to any particular verbal language. An image language differs from a verbal one in that the latter uses a linear string of symbols, whereas the former is multidimensional. Architectural renderings commonly show projections onto three mutually perpendicular planes, or consist of cross sections at different altitudes representing a stack of floor plans. Such renderings make it difficult to imagine buildings containing ramps and other features which disguise the separation between floors; consequently, they limit the creativity of the architect. Analogously, we tend to analyze natural structures as if nature had used similar stacked renderings, rather than, for instance, a system of packed spheres, with the result that we fail to perceive the system of organization determining the form of such structures.

*Education Automation* Scholastic UK

New edition of Buckminster Fuller's first work published in 1938, which was promoted by Albert Einstein. In 43 chapters the constructor, visionary, inventor, designer, creator of language, and spectacular performer rolls out the art of independent thought. Fuller lays out an enormous horizon and *Nine Chains to the Moon* is equivalent to a navigation across the world we live in: "What Is a House?", "Death and Life", "Longing Crosses the Sea", "Dollarability", "We Call it Earth", "Stomach Rhythms", "Ephemeralization"—from the microscopic to the automobile, to the house, to urbanity, to the image of the cosmos in constant movement. The title, said Fuller, is meant to stimulate open thinking: the 1938 world population, one person on the shoulders of another, will reach from the earth to the moon nine times! *Playfully Rigid* Springer Science & Business Media The complete text, published for the first time in 1973, of Faulkner's third novel, written when he was twenty-nine, which appeared, with his reluctant consent, in a much cut version in 1929 as *Sartoris*.