



*Hadid: Complete Works 1979-2009* (Taschen)

The age-old idiom, "never judge a book by its cover," continues to hold water today. The sleek, dark esthetic of this hardcover houses works of one of the world's most talented female architects. In her 30-year career, Zaha Hadid has helmed projects in countries as varied as Korea, Spain and the United Arab Emirates. This tome presents the entirety of her portfolio, from initial drawings to the awe-inspiring final results. Featuring buildings as well as interiors and furniture, it's obvious that Hadid's greatest strength is her range. Standouts in the collection include the Dubai Opera House and Cultural Center, the BMW Central Building in Leipzig and the Bergisel Ski Jump in Innsbruck, Austria. While computers have played an increasing role in all aspects of life since Hadid's career began, it is clear that the most futuristic and groundbreaking creations are still in the hands of (wo)man.