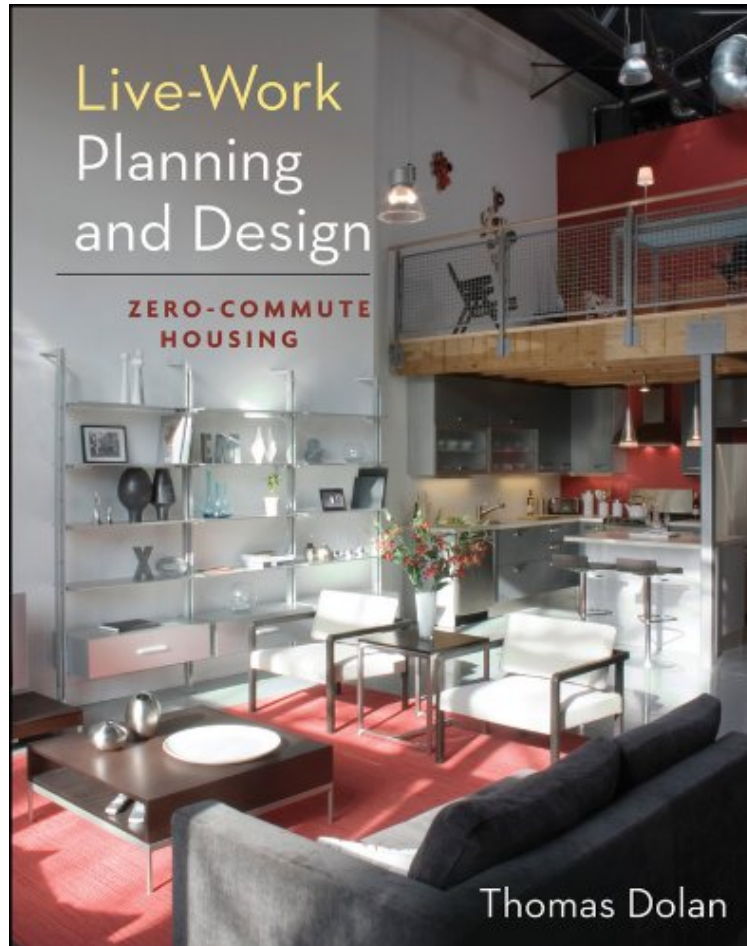


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"Dolan's book is an enormously knowledgeable guide to fitting work and living back together. It will be useful to architects, planners, builders, developers, and, most of all, urbanists." (Bettercities.net, June 2012)

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