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**ENDORSEMENTS**

*Our second annual*  
**SURVEY OF RISING TALENTS**  
*nominated by 14 leaders of design*

# Wizards of Aahs

THESE VISIONARY TOMES PROVE THE RIGHT MINDS CAN MAKE EVERYTHING FROM LEATHER BOOTS TO A BRICK BUILDING MORE ATTRACTIVE.

01 A self-published book from Mexican architect Fernando Romero and his firm, FREE, **YOU ARE THE CONTEXT** presents a wide range of interconnected, bold-minded design ideas, some fantastical (a city inside a hexagon), others down-to-earth (FREE's Soumaya Museum in Mexico City).

02 Art directors Mathias Augustyniak and Michael Amzalag launched the lauded studio M/M two decades ago. **M TO M OF M/M (PARIS)** (Rizzoli) catalogs the firm's experimental yet refined projects for and with the likes of Björk, Madonna, and Hermès.

03 Over the past 25 years, Swiss-French photographer Hélène Binet has gained renown for her large-format black-and-white photos. Her first monograph, **COMPOSING SPACE** (Phaidon), showcases her ethereal images of projects such as Peter Eisenman's Holocaust Memorial in Berlin.

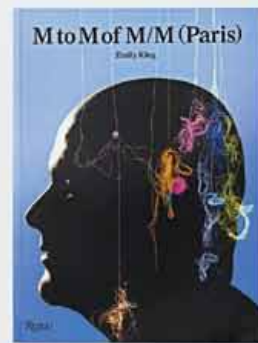
04 **PATTERN** (Phaidon) brings together 10 curators, including fashion blogger Tavi Gevinson and stylist Keegan Singh, to pick the top 100 fashion designers. Made up of revealing, behind-the-scenes sketches and runway images, the book includes Thom Browne, Phillip Lim, and Rachel Antonoff.

05 **FRANSJE KILLAARS** (010 Publishers) showcases the Dutch artist's kaleidoscopic, textile-centered portfolio, which, as critic Bianca Stigter writes in the book, "liberates color of its meaning." One of the featured pieces is her wallpaper-style 2008 installation "Marriage Hall" (spread).

06 After various trips to China's Xinjiang region to capture its sacred sites, American photographer Lisa Ross has compiled the results in **LIVING SHRINES OF UYGHUR CHINA** (The Monacelli Press). More than just documentary images, they reveal a type of evolving, if slowly disappearing, religious architecture.



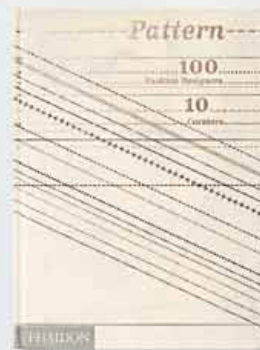
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