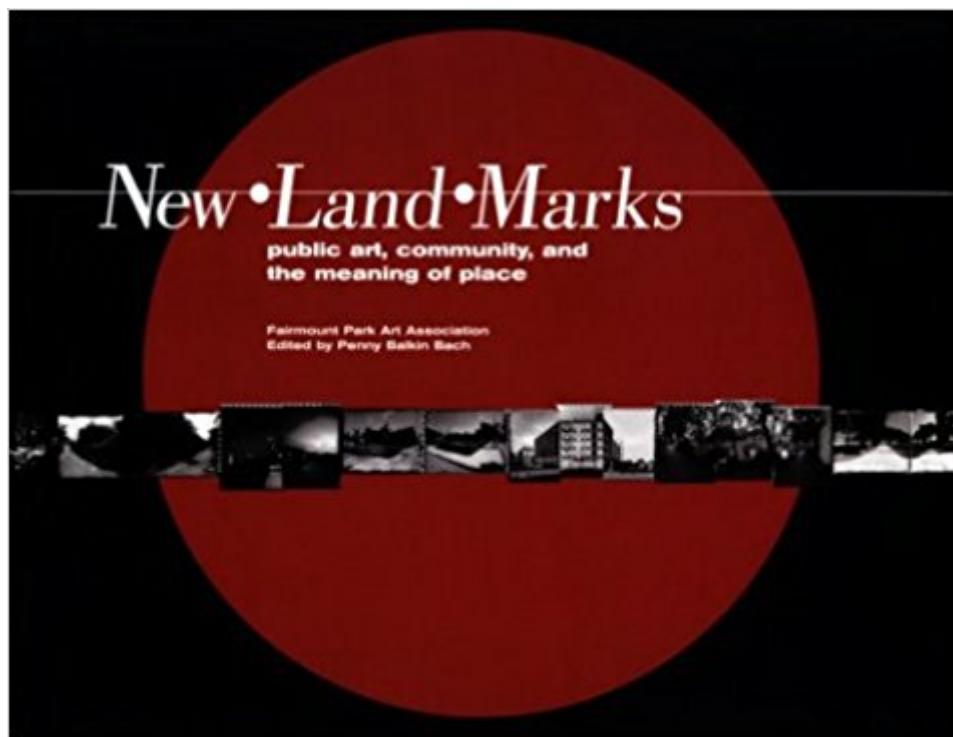


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# New Land Marks : Public Art, Community, And The Meaning Of Place



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*New\*Land\*Marks: Public Art, Community, and the Meaning of Place*, edited by Penny Balkin Bach, is the book version of an exhibition of models and proposals for an ambitious public art project in Philadelphia, undertaken by the Fairmount Park Art Association. In a way, the show and book are virtual public art: the photographs, texts, and models are a vision of what could happen, not only in this project but in the larger area of community-based public art. Sixteen artists provide visions of

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