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Despite the ingenuity of lay and ordained visionaries like Wiriyaphan and Zhao and their colleagues Kenzo Tange, Chan-soo Park, Tadao Ando, and others discussed in this book, creators of Buddhist leisure sites often face problems along the way. Parks and museums are complex adaptive systems that are changed and influenced by budgets, available materials, local and global economic conditions, and visitors. Architects must often compromise and settle at local optima, and no matter what they intend, their buildings will develop lives of their own. Provocative and theoretically innovative, *Architects of Buddhist Leisure* asks readers to question the very category of “religious” architecture. It

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Review

In this enjoyable book, Justin McDaniel once again questions the overemphasis on authenticity in Buddhist studies and opts to look at Buddhism in people's everyday lives, placing it in local contexts. *Architects of Buddhist Leisure* will ultimately persuade readers to join McDaniel in asking what makes Buddhism so compelling and to marvel at the far-reaching boundlessness of the question. (Yoko Hayami, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University)

Clearly a scholar with very broad interests and an intimate knowledge of Buddhism over a long period, Justin McDaniel has succeeded in narrating the complex story of Buddhist leisure space throughout modern Asia in a way that provokes each of us to reexamine the fleeting and fragmented glances at places we have encountered but haven't really understood. (Ronald G. Knapp, State University of New York at New Paltz)

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