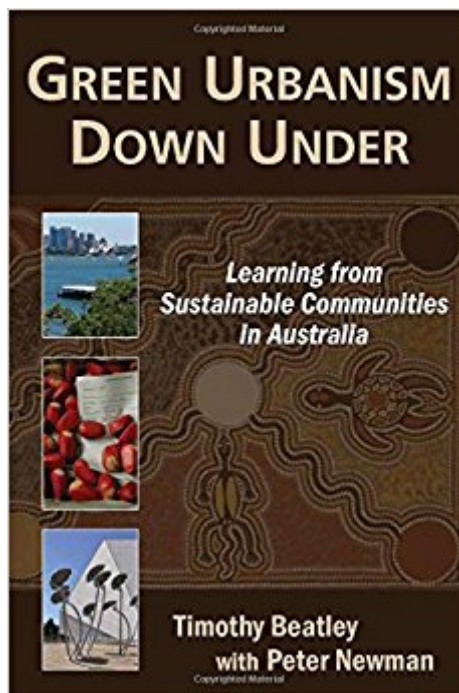




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# Green Urbanism Down Under: Learning From Sustainable Communities In Australia



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