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The need for improved sanitation around the world is becoming a

crisis, and the situation is particularly critical in urban and

peri-urban areas in developing countries. Here the population is

growing rapidly, and where sanitation is provided, the means to treat

and dispose of waste safely is neglected, with huge environmental and

public health consequences. Sanitation solutions are needed that are

safe for the user and interlinked with other urban services which can

treat waste as a resource. This book describes an attempt to create

modern, multi-storey urban dwellings that incorporate ecological

sanitation into their design, resulting in a clean living space, and

deriving safe agricultural inputs from human organic waste. The book

highlights the experience of implementing the Erdos Eco-Town Project

in Inner Mongolia, China.

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