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Fans of these pages may remember my enthusing about Parker's first two 'Project Eco-city' books (Precocity for short, if you must). Well, here are the next two and, as I suspected, I enthuse just as much.

What this series so successfully does is treat the urban conglomeration as a living creature in itself-a being that eats and excretes, inspires and exhales; so **Town Life** isn't the usual sort of 'Nature at your feet' that we might expect from the title but a look at the way the town itself lives and how we have to look after it to keep it healthy and stop it from choking on its own vomit. **Global City** exposes the gallop towards unsustainability that our biggest conurbations seem hell-bent upon, pointing out our need to reform building practices, planning strategies and transport systems at least, if the city is to remain a viable way of living together.

The bibliographies and address lists are truly comprehensive and contemporary. Highly recommended.

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