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'There is something very remarkable about the careers of Maxwell Fry and Jane Drew, husband and wife architects, and this has little to do with star architects or spectacular buildings. At last, with this patient and insightful book, we have an account that does full justice to the seriousness of this quiet but extensively-influential modernism.' Mark Crinson, University of Manchester, UK

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