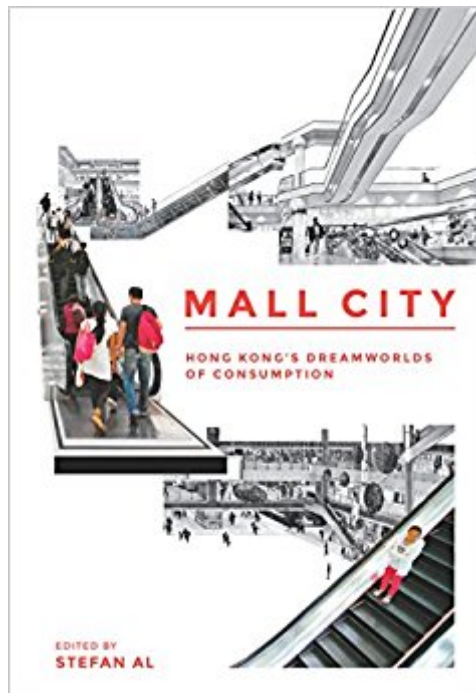




**Ebook Directory**  
the best source of ebook

The book was found

# Mall City: Hong Kong's Dreamworlds Of Consumption



## Synopsis

Hong Kong is the twenty-first-century paradigmatic capital of consumerism. Of all places, it has the densest and tallest concentration of malls, reaching tens of stories. Hong Kong's malls are also the most visited, sandwiched between subways and skyscrapers. These mall complexes have become cities in and of themselves, accommodating tens of thousands of people who live, work, and play within a single structure. *Mall City* features Hong Kong as a unique rendering of an advanced consumer society. Retail space has come a long way since the nineteenth-century covered passages of Paris, which once awed the bourgeoisie with glass roofs and gaslights. It has morphed from the arcade to the department store, and from the mall into the "mall city" where "expresscalators" crisscross mesmerizing atriums. Highlighting the effects of this development in Hong Kong, this book raises questions about architecture, city planning, culture, and urban life. Contributors include Carolyn Cartier, Cecilia Chu, Stan Lai, Gordon Matthews, Adam Nowek, David Grahame Shane, Barrie Shelton, and Jonathan Solomon.

## Book Information

Paperback: 246 pages

Publisher: University of Hawaii Press (November 30, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0824855418

ISBN-13: 978-0824855413

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 6 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #770,566 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in Books > History > Asia > Hong Kong #356 in Books > Travel > Asia > China > General #572 in Books > Business & Money > Industries > Retailing

## Customer Reviews

At the nexus of density, humidity, topography, and shopping, Hong Kong has spawned more malls per square mile than any place on earth. This fantastic book decodes and graphically depicts an environment both apart and ubiquitous; a convulsive form of public space in a liquid territory where intensely contested politics, commerce, and sociability weirdly merge like no other city. -Michael Sorkin, Distinguished Professor of Architecture of the City University of New York  
Stefan Al has again produced a book that provides a sharp lens on radically new urban forms that are emerging in

China. While his previous books, *Villages in the City* and *Factory Towns of South China* introduced the site of production and housing for the migrant labor of the Pearl River Delta, here we enter the phantasmagoria of the enormous interconnected free-trade shopping zone of the Hong Kong Special Administration. *Mall City* dissects the basic unit of this climate-controlled consumer landscape-the mall. This beautifully illustrated book is a must-read for those who wish to understand the future of public space in high-density cities." -Brian McGrath, Professor of Urban Design and Dean of Constructed Environments, Parsons School of Design

Hong Kong may be packed with the most shopping malls per square kilometer in the world, but *Mall City* is packed with the most drawings, information, and fascinating mall facts. The book dissects, categorizes, and displays all kinds of intriguing data on the city-state's shopping complexes and culture. Its richly layered analysis perfectly matches Hong Kong's multi-story machines for consumption." -Clifford Pearson, Director of USC American Academy in China

At the nexus of density, humidity, topography, and shopping, Hong Kong has spawned more malls per square mile than any place on earth. This fantastic book decodes and graphically depicts an environment both apart and ubiquitous; a convulsive form of publicspace in a liquid territory where intensely contested politics, commerce, and sociability weirdly merge like no other city." -Michael Sorkin, Distinguished Professor of Architecture of the City University of New York

"Hong Kong may be packed with the most shopping malls per square kilometer in the world, but *Mall City* is packed with the most drawings, information, and fascinating mall facts. The book dissects, categorizes, and displays all kinds of intriguing data on the city-state's shopping complexes and culture. Its richly layered analysis perfectly matches Hong Kong's multi-story machines for consumption." -Clifford Pearson, Director of USC American Academy in China

"Stefan Al has again produced a book that provides a sharp lens on radically new urban forms that are emerging in China. While his previous books, *Villages in the City* and *Factory Towns of South China* introduced the site of production and housing for the migrant labor of the Pearl River Delta, here we enter the phantasmagoria of the enormous interconnected free-trade shopping zone of the Hong Kong Special Administration. *Mall City* dissects the basic unit of this climate-controlled consumer landscape-the mall. This beautifully illustrated book is a must-read for those who wish to understand the future of public space in high-density cities." -Brian McGrath, Professor of Urban Design and Dean of Constructed Environments, Parsons School of Design.

The book is so chock-full of information and imagery . . . *Mall City* is a great book for those who want to get lost in the shopping meccas of a fascinating world city, without actually getting lost. (Sky

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Mall City: Hong Kong's Dreamworlds of Consumption City of Protest: A Recent History of Dissent in Hong Kong (Penguin Specials: The Hong Kong Series) Hong Kong Noodle Recipes :101. Delicious, Nutritious, Low Budget, Mouth watering Hong Kong Noodle Recipes Cookbook Forgotten Souls: A Social History of the Hong Kong Cemetery (Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series) East River Column: Hong Kong Guerrillas in the Second World War and After (Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series) Lonely Planet Hong Kong, Macau & Guangzhou (Hong Kong Macau and Guangzhou, 9th ed) Hong Kong: Including Macau and Guangzhou (Moon Handbooks Hong Kong) Highlights of China & Hong Kong - A visitor's guide to Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Greater China Hong Kong in 3 Days: The Definitive Tourist Guide Book That Helps You Travel Smart and Save Time (Hong Kong Travel Guide) Amazing Pictures and Facts About Hong Kong: The Most Amazing Fact Book for Kids About Hong Kong (Kid's U) MICHELIN Guide Hong Kong & Macau 2017: Hotels & Restaurants (Michelin Red Guide Hong Kong & Macau: Restaurants & Hotels) (Chinese and English Edition) Moving to Hong Kong: A comprehensive guide for living in Hong Kong Hong Kong Tuttle Travel Pack: Your Guide to Hong Kong's Best Sights for Every Budget (Travel Guide & Map) ONE-TWO-GO Hong Kong: The Ultimate Guide to Hong Kong 2014 (One-Two-Go.com Book 7) The Single Guy's First Trip to Macau and Hong Kong: Helping guys have the perfect first vacation to Macau and Hong Kong MICHELIN Guide Hong Kong & Macau 2012: Restaurants & Hotels (Michelin Red Guide Hong Kong & Macau: Restaurants & Hotels) Michelin Red Guide Hong Kong & Macau 2011: Hotels & Restaurants (Michelin Red Guide Hong Kong & Macau: Restaurants & Hotels) Frommers Touring Guides Hong Kong Singa (Frommer's Touring Guide to Hong Kong, Macau, and Singapore) The Treasures and Pleasures of Hong Kong: Best of the Best (Treasures & Pleasures of Hong Kong) StreetSmart Hong Map by VanDam-Laminated pocket sized, city street map to Hong Kong, Kowloon & New Territories w/ attractions, sights, hotels & beaches. Bilingual Cantonese & English, 2012 Edition

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)