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**Spiro Kostof** was Professor of Architectural History at the University of California at Berkeley, and was a former president of the Society of Architectural Historians. **Greg Castillo** was Kostof's research assistant and literary executor.

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