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Rae Bridgman. StreetCities: Rehousing the Homeless. Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 2006. Pp.219, illustrs., index. US\$24.95 (Pb.), ISBN 1-55111-533-6.

StreetCities: Rehousing the Homeless is Rae Bridgman's study of 'StreetCity' and 'Strachan House', a Canadian government supported alternative communal housing experiment for chronically homeless men and women in downtown Toronto in the 1990s. In looking at everyday life in the two converted warehouses that made up this program, Bridgman makes an impassioned plea for an approach to housing the homeless that involves autonomy, self-organisation, and emotional healing through the creation of community. Posing her arguments in the intentionally modest form of interlocking questions like 'why not recognize homeless people cooperating together as part of a collective?' and 'how can homeless people themselves challenge their own homelessness and the homelessness of others?' (p.101), Bridgman defines two key themes that echo throughout this book: 'an appreciation of utopian impulses in work for social change and an interest in different forms of ethnographic writing' (p.26).

The first goal--to communicate an appreciation of utopian impulses in work for social change--is admirable, but given the dearth of explicit discussion of utopianism and theories of social change, Bridgman's book rests heavily on neo-Touquevillian platitudes about the healing benefits of community that could be drawn from social capital or social work 'how-to manuals', or an NGO website describing...

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turn their attention to solving the puzzle of why people in some of the most advanced technological societies in the world are homeless, living rough. Excerpt. With this volume we believe that anthropology's place as a major contributor to research on homelessness in North America will be firmly established. The knowledge gathered by anthropologists suggests varying strategies for easing the lives of those who are homeless, and contributes to the still greater project, preventing and eradicating homelessness. StreetCities: Rehousing the Homeless By Rae Bridgman Paperback 219pp ISBN: 978-1-5511-1533-7. StreetCities charts the development of an alternative communal housing model for chronically homeless men and women in downtown Toronto. Svinia in Black and White: Slovak Roma and their Neighbours By David Z. Scheffel Paperback 244pp ISBN: 978-1-5511-1607-5. This book is about a Romani settlement in eastern Slovakia. The author offers a detailed ethnographic account of the social, cultural, and historical circumstances that have encouraged and supported inter-ethnic inequality in the region. Inequality StreetCities 1 edition. By Rae Bridgman. StreetCities. Rae Bridgman. StreetCities. xClose. 1 2 3 4 5. Want to Read. Are you sure you want to remove **StreetCities** from your list? There's no description for this book yet. Tarantula and Centipede unboxing and rehousing. Fordmilk. 0:27. Irene Glasser and Rae Bridgman. Year of publication: 1999. Glasser, Irene, (1994). StreetCities : rehousing the homeless. Bridgman, Rae, (2006). More A service of the.