

New Suburbs: Life in the Modern Village

Introduction: Life in a New Suburb

The Walkable Suburban Village: To kick things off, this short story follows a resident of a new suburb through an average day in a modern, suburban village. Picking up coffee, dropping a child off at daycare, and meeting a friend for lunch without the stress of traffic or a long commute.

Section 1: Community (Putting Humans First)

Focus: Reversing the suburban loneliness epidemic by exploring how physical proximity, childhood independence, and shared spaces create the psychological safety nets we have lost.

Chapter 1: Introduction – Defining Community

Describing how we will be defining community in this book and laying the groundwork for future chapters in this section.

Chapter 2: PLACES – What We Left Out When We Built The Suburbs

The systemic eradication of the "Third Place" (parks, coffee shops, local pubs) and how isolating people to private backyards has fueled a modern loneliness crisis.

Chapter 3: PEOPLE – Radical Neighbourliness

The biological value of "weak ties." How simple, daily, spontaneous interactions with acquaintances release oxytocin, regulate stress, and build social trust.

Section 2: Housing (Where We Live and Exist)

Focus: Deconstructing the mythical nature of the single-family home to show how diverse, gentle density creates space for all stages of human life without sacrificing the suburban aesthetic.

Section 3: Transportation (How We Move)

Focus: Dismantling car dependency to engineer safe, complex streets that treat people walking with respect and connect adjacent hubs via intentional transit networks.

Section 4: Zoning (What We Build)

Focus: Pulling back the curtain on the historical, legal, and financial roadblocks that make vibrant neighbourhoods illegal, and detailing the tools to rewrite them.

Conclusion: You Have the Blueprint, Now It's Your Turn

The Call to Action: How the reader can start small—from tactical urbanism to city council meetings.

The Roadmap to the Village: Practical tools to get your neighbours on board, form coalitions, and demand the legal changes required to build the village.