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As populations grow, where and how we live is a major concern. Architects address the issue of housing, and converting spaces is often a more satisfactory solution than building from scratch. Conversions shows that with a bit of imagination all sorts of buildings can be converted into homes. With each case study the author asks: What does one leave intact, what does one rip out, and what changes are forbidden by planning regulations? The budget, the materials, and the way they impact upon surroundings are also examined and assessed. Varied projects from around the world include rural, urban and civic buildings, lofts and industrial spaces, and radical one-offs.