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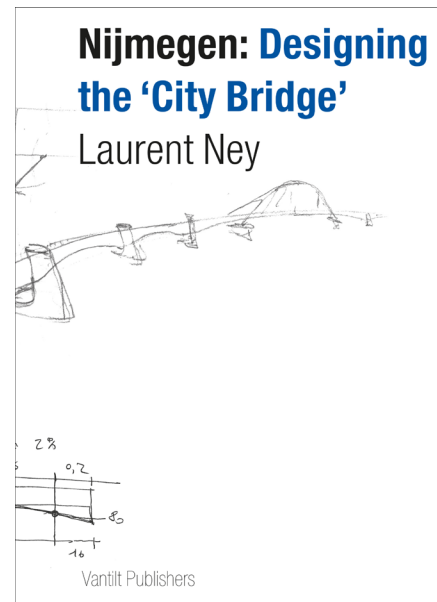


*Nijmegen: Designing the 'City Bridge'* is a personal account by Laurent Ney, the engineering half of the architectural duo Ney and Poulissen who designed Nijmegen's new City Bridge – a challenging assignment, for Nijmegen already had an iconic bridge, The Waal Bridge, whose imposing arch structure had led the Dutch government to declare it a historic monument.

Laurent Ney gives us a glimpse inside his head, and his sketchesbook. We follow him through an exciting process in which his knowledge of construction – historical as well as cultural, and local as well as international – blended with a clear vision of landscape and urban design.

Nijmegen's city council had called for a 'city bridge', but what exactly this meant was to prove the key issue in the design process. Numerous decisions were made' and factors weighed up – but when it became clear that an all-steel bridge would be far too expensive, the architects had to go almost back to square one.

The result is impressive: Europe's largest single-arch bridge. Using original documentation, such as the assignment description, design sketches, explorations of the surroundings, sources of inspiration, models and photographs, Laurent Ney presents a fascinating picture of a complex design process.



*Invitation book launch in collaboration with A+ Architecture in Belgium*

You are invited to the book launch on Thursday, September 4th at 19:00 in Architects' House (Ernest Allardstreet 21, Brussels). Laurent Ney and Chris Poulissen, the designers of the City Bridge, will have a conversation with Dr. Arie Romeijn (professor at TU Delft and technical adviser of the City Bridge) and dr. Erik Van Daele (architect, assistant professor of KULeuven and LUCA). Afterwards, we toast to the launch of *Nijmegen: Designing the 'City Bridge'*.

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