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- **The most comprehensive monograph on the recent work of Álvaro Siza (b.1933), one of the most important and influential architects working today**
- **Siza is internationally respected for buildings that are Modernist, deeply rooted in geography and history, and intensely beautiful**
- **All included projects have been designed and built within the last 10 years**
- **Each project is fully described and documented with technical information including sketches, complete sets of drawings and multiple photographs**

Carlos Castanheira was born in Lisbon in 1957. He has had a private practice since 1991, but had previously worked for Álvaro Siza for 14 years, and they maintain a working relationship and strong friendship. Outside of his architecture practice, which primarily builds private houses, he is active in many different parts of the architectural community, including participating in conferences and juries for competitions, teaching and serving as an external examiner at schools of architecture, curating exhibitions, and editing and publishing books and catalogues.

Álvaro Siza, born in 1933, is considered to be one of Portugal's greatest architects. He has received honorary degrees from and taught in universities around the world, including Portugal, the United States, Switzerland and South America. His work has been the subject of numerous books and exhibitions, and he has been honoured with many awards, including the 1992 Pritzker Prize, the 'European Award for Architecture' from the Economic European Community/Mies van der Rohe Foundation and the Gold Medal of the Alvar Aalto Foundation.

