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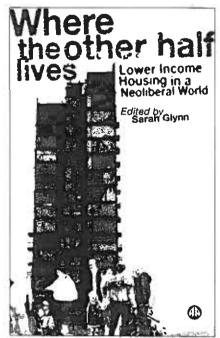
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'Forcing councils to privatise and failing both to build social housing on a big scale or regenerate the estates has been the worst failure of our Labour government. Sarah Glynn and her contributors demonstrate the neoliberal legacy behind this and show the damage it inflicted on society. I hope Labour can learn from this analysis.' Austin Mitchell MP, Chair of the House of Commons Council Housing Group

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The authors show that these problems arise from the fact that houses are no longer seen primarily as homes for living in, but rather as a source of profit. Case studies from the UK, the US and other western countries are set into a theoretical and historical overview of how housing has changed over several decades. The book also examines campaigns for better housing and explores possibilities for a different approach to this most fundamental of human needs.

Dr Sarah Glynn is a Public Interest Research Fellow at the University of Strathclyde and a practising architect.

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