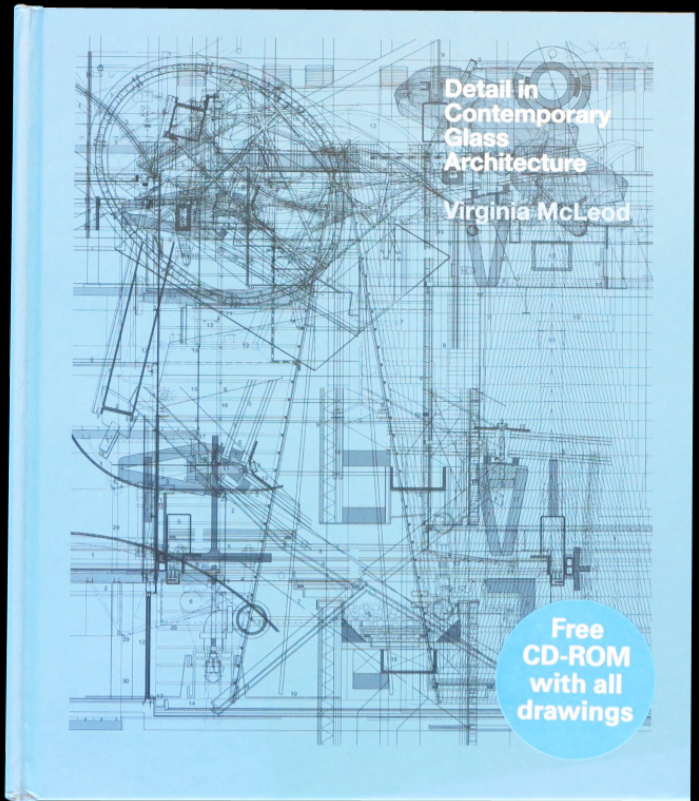


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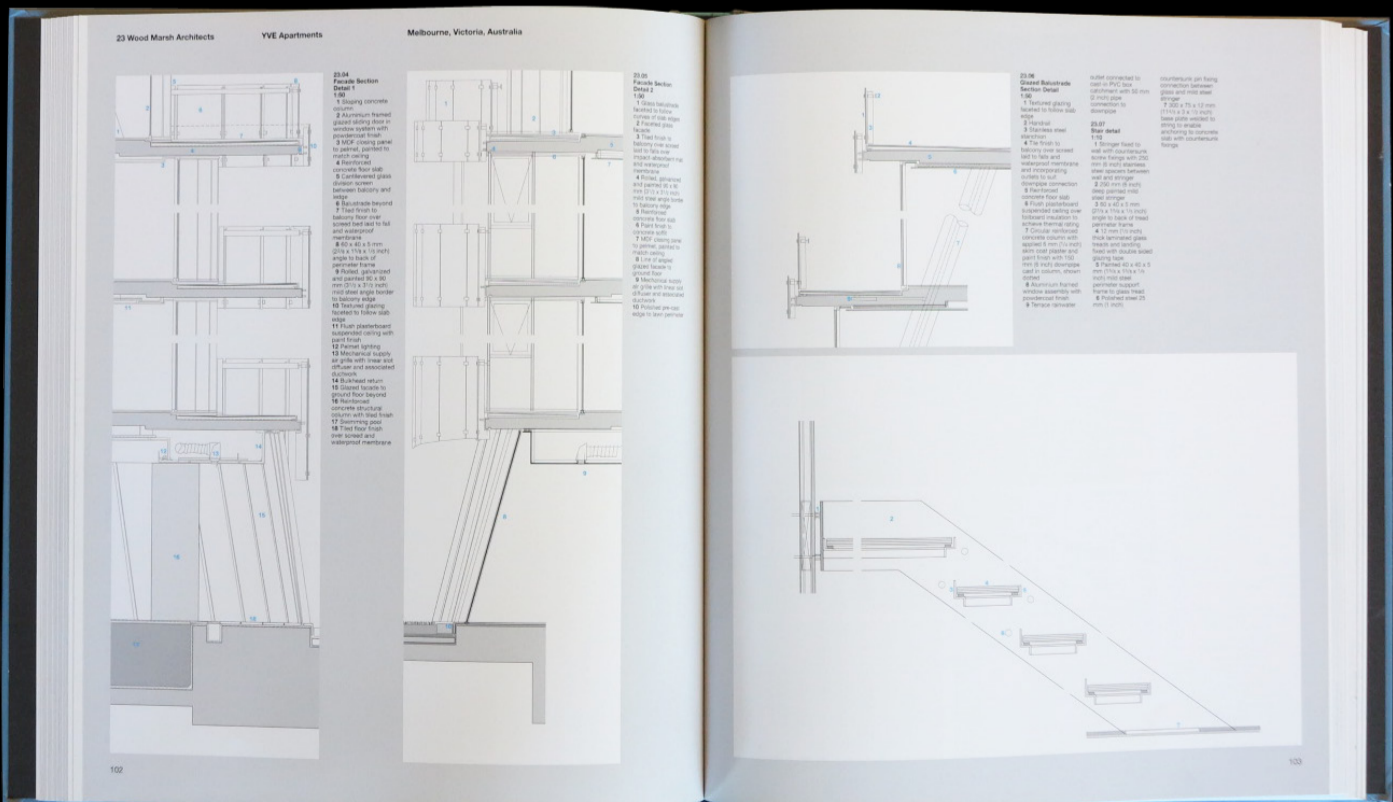
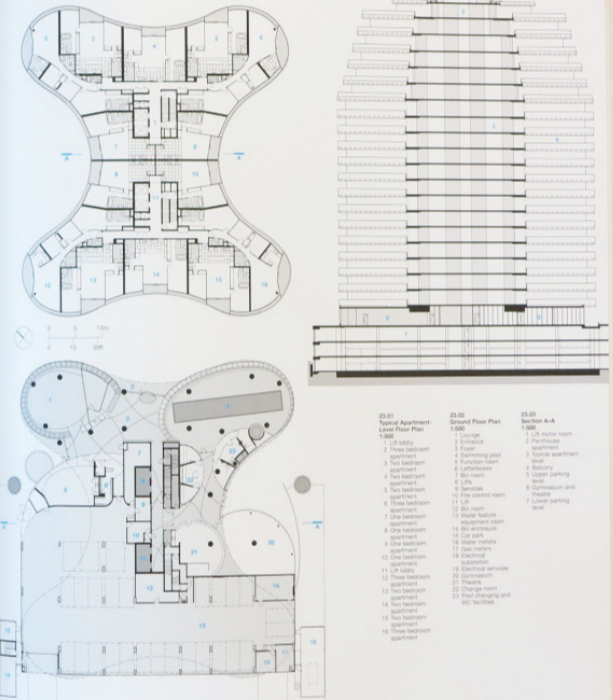
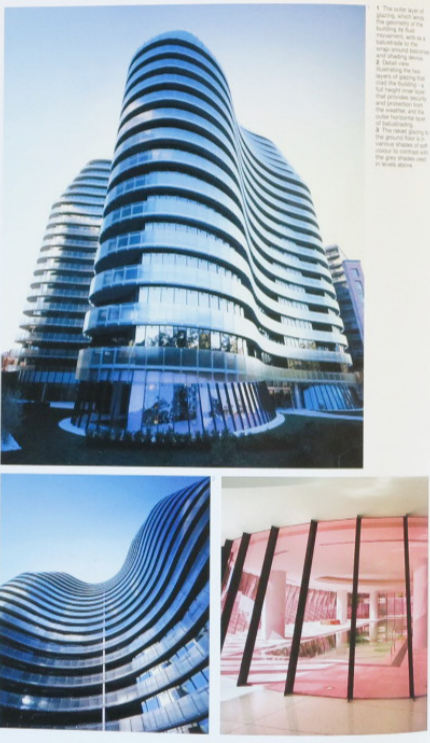
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The YVE Apartment building has been designed as a three dimensional sculptural structure with predominantly glass facades of various features and layers. The intention was to create a subtle building that would sit harmoniously in its location and at the same time present a positive contribution to the streetscape. The building is symmetrical in plan and elevation. Floors above 45 metres (148 feet) step inward from the centre. This movement forces the perspective and creates a crown to the building without altering the overall building language. The facade has many levels which, when combined with the form, emphasises the three dimensional quality of the building. The inner layer is a slightly reflective charcoal glass extending from floor to ceiling. The charcoal glazing modules establish a vertical pattern. The glazing follows the outer curves and steps back in places to form balconies and create shadowed recesses. This layer contrasts with the horizontal glazed ribbons of the outer layer. All concrete floor plates are screened by a continuous band of concrete glass which acts as both a balustrade and shading device, and provides the building with its outer layer. Partially transparent, the concrete glass forms a shimmering ribbon when viewed from a distance. These panels sit back off the face of the building allowing filtered light to penetrate through the facade. At street level the building sits flat centrally and the ground floor glazing is recessed so that the building above appears to float.



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**Facade Section**  
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