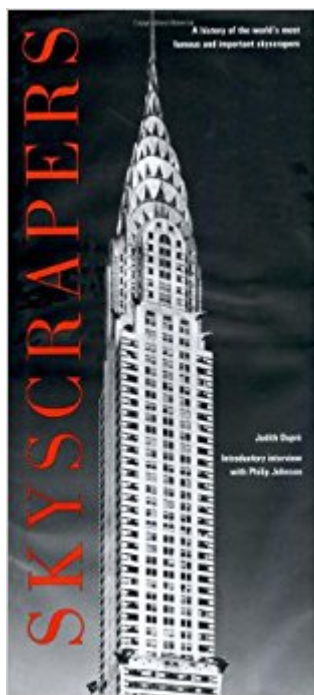


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# Skyscrapers: A History Of The World's Most Famous And Important Skyscrapers



## Synopsis

Skyscrapers is a lavish and appropriately soaring celebration of the world's most spectacular buildings. From the ancient Lighthouse at Alexandria to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, from the Empire State Building to the Petronas Towers in Malaysia, the 50 buildings represented in this magnificent book leap off the page in words and more than 200 rich, duotone images. This unique volume includes facts-at-a-glance for each building, visual comparisons of heights, and quotes from a variety of architects and experts--all accompanying stunning full-page photos of each structure. "An eye-popping shelf-scraper...an elevating experience." -Gene Shalit, "Today" "Breathtaking.

Magnificent. Unique. Very special. Exquisite. One-of-a-kind. Well researched. Beautifully designed."

-Robert J. Bruss, Tribune Media Services

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At first glance, Judith DuprÃ©'s Skyscrapers might appear to be just another coffee-table prop. Yes, the fact that it measures a good foot and a half might keep it off the average shelf, but its unusual size is not just a gimmick. This book does full-scale justice to the beautiful black-and-white photographs of some of the world's most famous skyscrapers. Organized chronologically, this is not a comprehensive guide but a selective survey: 50 of the most "significant" skyscrapers of the last century. From the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., to the Kuningan Persada Tower in Jakarta, Indonesia, Skyscrapers is a fact lover's dream. Vital statistics on each building include

location, height, materials, primary architect, date of completion, and place in architectural history. The careful interaction of text and image brings the unique story of each building--and builder--to life. But in both *Skyscrapers* and her follow-up book, *Bridges*, Dupre moves past the structures themselves to examine the ideals and dreams of the society that created them. Why build up? Who initiated the race to be first? The economic, cultural, and political role of buildings in everyday life is easy to overlook. *Skyscrapers* is a book that sticks out way past the knees and says, "Hey, look again." --Sara Nickerson

"[A] handsome compendium, which is as witty in its lanky format as it is fascinating within." --Manuel Mendoza, *Dallas Morning News* "Unique in scale and design, and packed with eye-popping photographs?" "Talk about an ideal match of subject and form? the stunning array of black-and-white photographs that accompany Dupre's incisive, fact-filled text capture both the mass and soaring aspirations of the structures?" --Sam Roberts, *The New York Times*

Best money we've ever spent on . Bought for my son who is OBSESSED with skyscrapers. This has tons of pictures and facts on each building such as heights, number of floors and materials used. It also compares each building against the Burj Khalifa and Empire state building. He loves it. LOVES it. Carries the book with him. Constantly paging through it. Huge hit.

My 10-year-old stepson is fascinated by skyscrapers and loves this book. The size and shape of it and the details on each building definitely add to its appeal. The writing, however, is for an adult audience and quite verbose, far beyond his comprehension as well as that of most 10-year-olds. My stepson doesn't seem to care, but for a kid slightly less interested in skyscrapers this book may be a bit dull.

Great book well laid out with great pictures. Wish the text was larger and weird size for shelves but neat book!

Exceptional book. Information is fantastic and photos are spectacular. A real gem of a book.

The book is nicely written, full of information and has sensational photographs and illustrations. It is a long tall book just like the subject matter and it's unusual shape is really necessary to get the quality of the photos down right. I can recommend the book to anyone who likes buildings of any

sort but especially to those fascinated by skyscrapers. If you have a child interested in Skyscrapers, I can recommend this too. depending on their age, the text may be hard going for them but the visuals are sure to impress.

Not only are the pictures fabulous, but the writing is excellent. Dupre makes observations that one would not necessarily make without her expert knowledge and intuitive understanding of buildings, communities, people, cultures...it is fun to just browse the book and gasp at the amazing buildings, or choose one and read of its intricacies. This is a PERFECT GIFT BOOK!

I ordered this book expecting a smaller book with pics and interesting facts but what I got was SO much better! This book is HUGE, and full of gorgeous pics and information on the worlds tallest buildings. In the upper corner there is a comparison to the Burj Khalifa and The Empire State Building. I bought this book for my 12 yr old aspiring architect and it was a major hit! (It got him off the XBOX for a few days!)

My grandson love this book the size is outstanding. Most of all the pictures and info about each building is great.

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