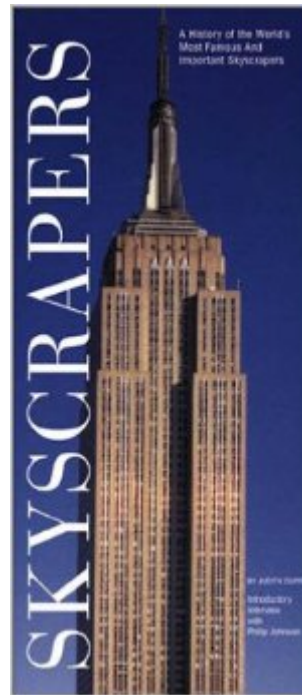


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# Skyscrapers



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I have the 1996 hardcover edition of this book and do not know what revisions have been made to this latest addition, however I imagine the text and content will be very similar. I have found this book to be an excellent source of information on skyscrapers in general and the buildings featured in particular. It has a very easy to read format, which follows the development of the skyscraper, with two pages at a time dedicated to one building. This makes it ideal for flicking through and just reading here and there at what ever catches your eye. There are also small general interest and overviews pages throughout the book that help to explain the development of these buildings. Not a lot of technical details also make this an easy read and ideal for younger readers. This is one of the

best books I have seen on the subject and I have no reservations recommending this book to anyone even remotely interested in these large buildings.

By Jeffrey K. Herzer --The jacket notes accurately describe the author's work as exploring "the interaction of text and image on the printed page". This book is wonderfully presented, a collage of big pictures and little treasures -- like under construction photos, sketches and diagrams, or other "trivia bits". You will find some new and precious treat every time you crack the cover. "Skyscrapers" is primarily a history of fifty important and world-famous skyscrapers, beginning with the Washington Monument and the Eiffel Tower & finishing with the Petronas Towers (Malaysia), the Jin Mao Building (Shanghai), and the planned Kuningan Persada Tower (Jakarta, Indonesia). A book about tall buildings should have tall pages...and this book is 18 inches tall and 7-1/2 inches wide. The format is entirely black & white, but most enjoyable. Ms. Dupre's text is short and direct and a perfect complement; it illuminates without getting bogged down in technicalities. Whether you're a skyscraper fanatic, an architect or engineer, or just plain fascinated with tall buildings, it matters not...this is a book everyone can enjoy.

When I first saw this book, I knew that it had to be on my Christmas "wish list." Upon receiving it, my excitement knew no bounds for this is an exquisitely produced homage to the skyscrapers of the past, present, and future. All the famous are here, from the cover featuring the oft-photographed Chrysler Building in New York to The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center to The IBM Tower of San Francisco. Included are many less known mammoth structures from foreign lands, such as Malaysia's Petronas Towers, touted presently as the tallest of all, and the uniquely designed Bank of China in Hong Kong. When one says, "The sky is the limit," the pages of this book showcase the adage perfectly.

This is a gorgeous book that is beautifully presented and written. I love that the publisher did this in a tall book format - so appropriate for the subject. The book is laid out chronologically: the earliest skyscrapers (arguably starting with Home Insurance in Chicago) and continuing on not only to those just finished in the last two years but also projected skyscrapers for which groundbreaking has begun. Each skyscraper is given a great bit of history write up and includes a full page image with facts about the building overlaid on top. The photographs chosen for each building are exquisite - beautifully done both photographically and architecturally. As a photographer myself, I was marveling at the images and sighing with pleasure. But as the daughter of an architect, I also greatly

appreciated the layout and presentation of each building's history. Images of artists as well as pictures or paintings help complete the picture of the skyscraper - it's so much more than just an image and a bunch of text. Interspersed between the 100+ skyscrapers are interviews with architects, discussions of cities known for their skyscrapers (e.g., Dubai), and more. There is also a list of the 100 tallest buildings at the back of the book. Since the book is formatted by each skyscraper, it makes it easy to follow and digest - in short bursts or one great read. This really is an incredibly well done and presented, informative and fascinating, history of Skyscrapers. Absolutely highly recommend this book. Received as an ARC from the publisher

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!

Its black and white photography is amazing! And it covers all the famous skyscrapers such as the Sears tower and the Petronas towers. It has amazing facts with great details about the building and its history. It tells from what its made of to the architects who made them. It even tells several interesting facts. It is fun to read or even just to look at

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