A history of the world's most famous and important skyscrapers

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as the sometimes unexpected role that these former symbols of alien rule have played in the establishment of new national identities in the years since independence **Cool** Salvatore Basile, 2014-09-01 A history of air conditioning chronicling the numerous gimmicks failed attempts con jobs and eventual successes a surprisingly interesting journey San Francisco Book Review The air conditioner is often hailed as one of the modern world's greatest inventions yet nearly as often blamed for global disaster It has changed everything from architecture to people s food habits saved countless lives and caused countless deaths First appearing in 1902 when Willis Carrier an engineer barely out of college developed the Apparatus for Treating Air everyone assumed it would instantly change the world But the story of air conditioning and its rise to ubiquity is far from simple In Cool Salvatore Basile tracks two fascinating stories the struggle to perfect an effective cooling device and the effort to convince people that they actually needed such a thing With a cast of characters ranging from Leonardo da Vinci to Richard Nixon and Felix the Cat Cool showcases the myriad reactions to air conditioning as it was developed and introduced to the world Here is a unique perspective on a common convenience how we came to rely on it today and how it might change radically tomorrow Firefighting Operations in High-Rise and Standpipe-Equipped Buildings David M. McGrail, 2007 This book establishes a proper firefighting mindset and promotes maintaining preparedness for the extreme physical and mental demands of firefighting operations in high rise and standpipe equipped buildings Among the many valuable topics covered in this book are standpipe system pressure regulating devices pressure restricting devices and pressure reducing valves cautious and disciplined elevator use during high rise operations elevator rescue operations proper engine company suppression selection including techniques to operate more powerful firefighting weapons with limited manpower air support operations during high rise emergencies with or without an internal resource Skyscrapers Judith Dupre, 2013-11-05 A landmark bestseller that captivates the eye mind and imagination The New York Times Skyscrapers is a unique and colossal celebration of the world's most significant and striking super structures Uniquely designed to showcase the full color images of the world's tallest buildings Skyscrapers explores the architecture engineering and cultural impact of more than 60 skyline defining buildings including One World Trade Center Burj Khalifa The Empire State Building The Shanghai World Financial Center The Petronas Towers Tribune Tower The Shard Shanghai Tower Arranged chronologically by date of building construction each informative profile includes stunning photos of the building s defining features along with building plans diagrams historical background and technological information Beginning with a fascinating interview with Adrian Smith the master architect responsible for Dubai's Burj Khalifa the reigning tallest building in the world at 2 717 feet 828 meters Skyscrapers also includes in depth looks at compelling topics in skyscraper design including next steps in creating visionary cities of the future and information on cutting edge sustainable materials that help make these structures environmentally friendly **America's Pie** Jock Given, 2003 Looks at how the events of September 11 2001 have altered the debate over how countries like Australia can preserve and strengthen for instance their film industries Offers a vivid account

how culture and trade are interacting in the real world of the early twenty first century **Skyscrapers and High Rises** Shana Priwer, Cynthia Phillips, 2014-12-18 This work includes a brief history of skyscrapers as well as chapters on elevators and communications facades and facing mechanical and electrical systems forces of nature and much more American Skyscraper, 1850-1940 Joseph J. Korom, 2008 The skyscraper is an American invention that has captured the public s imagination for over a century The tall building is wholly manmade and borne in the minds of those with both slide rules and computers This is the story of the skyscraper s rise and the recognition of those individuals who contributed to its development This volume is unique its approach information and images are fresh and telling The text examines America s first tall buildings the result of twelve years of in depth research by an accomplished and published architect and architectural historian Over 300 compelling photographs charts and notes make this the ultimate tool of reference for this subject Biographies woven throughout with period norms politics and lifestyles help to place featured skyscrapers in context Quite simply there is no book like this The text carefully and insightfully written is clear concise and easily digestible the text being the product of well documented original research written in an informative tone The American Skyscraper 1850 1940 A Celebration of Height is a richly documented journey of a fascinating topic and it promises to be a superb addition to libraries schools of architecture students of architecture and lovers of art **Practical Speculation** Victor Niederhoffer, Laurel Kenner, 2011-01-06 Hier kommt der Nachfolger des viel gepriesenen Bestsellers The Education of a Speculator vom gleichen Autor ebenfalls bei Wiley erschienen 0471 13747 2 Practical Speculation ist die Fortsetzungsgeschichte einer echten Finanzmarkt Legende Niederhoffer war im Futures Handel u erst erfolgreich bis unvorhergesehene Verluste ihn 1997 zur Aufgabe seines Unternehmens zwangen Wie Ph nix aus der Asche kehrte Niederhoffer 1999 in die Welt des Aktien Futures und Optionshandels zur ck allerdings mit einer neuen Kollegin und einer neuen Methode Dieses Buch erz hlt die spannende und inspirierende Geschichte eines Top H ndlers der sich selbst neu erfunden hat Hier enth llt er gemeinsam mit Coautorin Laurel Kenner seine einzigartigen Ideen wie man auch in volatilen M rkten Gewinne machen kann Eine aufregende Lekt re die sowohl den alten Hasen als auch den Neulingen unter den H ndlern und Anlegern zeigt wo und wie sie die ungew hnlichsten Marktchancen aufsp ren k nnen Looking Beyond the Highway Claudette Stager, Martha Carver, 2006 Looking beyond the Highway is an examination of road history and roadside attractions specific to the South Focused in part on numerous aspects of thematerial culture landscape of the Dixie Highway the essays consider the politics of roadbuilding roadside entertainment the buildings and businesses one might encounter along the road and regional adaptations to the needs and desires of northern tourists Following the Dixie Highway from southern Illinois to Florida with sidetrips down other southern roads the essays cover a wide variety of subjects many of which will resonate with anyone who has ever lived in or vacationed in the South Harrison Mayes s Get Right With God signs the park and pray craze of outdoor drive in church services the rise and demise of brick highways the fierce political battle over the route of the Dixie Highway beach music and

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