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Bridges: A History Of The World's Most Spectacular Spans



Synopsis

From the best-selling author of *Skyscrapers* comes the much-anticipated revised edition of her magnificent chronological tour of the world's most significant and eye-popping spans, now in color and bigger than ever. This visual history of the world's landmark bridges is thoroughly revised and updated since its initial publication twenty years ago, with all-new photographs and features cutting edge work by today's international superstars of architecture and engineering. Spanning two-thousand years of technological and aesthetic triumphs, *Bridges* stands as the most thorough, authoritative, and gorgeous book on the subject, as dramatic in presentation as the structures it celebrates. Breathtaking photographs capture the bridges' details as well as their monumental scale; architectural drawings and plans invite you behind the scenes as new bridges take shape; and lively commentary on each explores its importance and historic context. Throughout, informative profiles, features, and statistics make *Bridges* an invaluable reference as well as a visual feast. Technological advances, structural daring, and artistic vision have propelled the evolution of bridge design around the world. The last thirty years has seen the construction of masterpieces such as the Zakim Bridge that forever changed the city of Boston; Gateshead Millennium Bridge in England, a pedestrian tilt bridge that closes like an eye when it is raised; the Millau Viaduct in Tran Valley, France, which is the tallest cable-stay bridge in world; and the 102-mile Danyang-Kunshan Grand Bridge in China, the longest in the world. This revised edition features new profiles on these amazing spans, as well as beloved landmarks, such as the Golden Gate and the Brooklyn Bridge.

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Judith Dupre captivates the eye, mind and imagination in this ode to the greatest spans and cantilevers of the world. — The New York Times
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Judith Dupre is a New York Times bestselling author has written many books about architecture, including *Skyscrapers*, *One World Trade Center*, *Churches*, and *Monuments*. She consults on large-scale infrastructure projects and lectures globally on the built environment. She lives in New York. Visit www.judithdupre.com and www.OneWTCBook.com. Linda Figg is President/CEO of FIGG Bridge Group, an international family of companies that designs, builds, and finances landmark and award-winning bridges. With construction values totaling over \$14 billion, FIGG bridges have been completed, are under construction, or are being designed in 42 states and 6 countries. Linda is the only woman in the world to direct a major bridge company.

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