

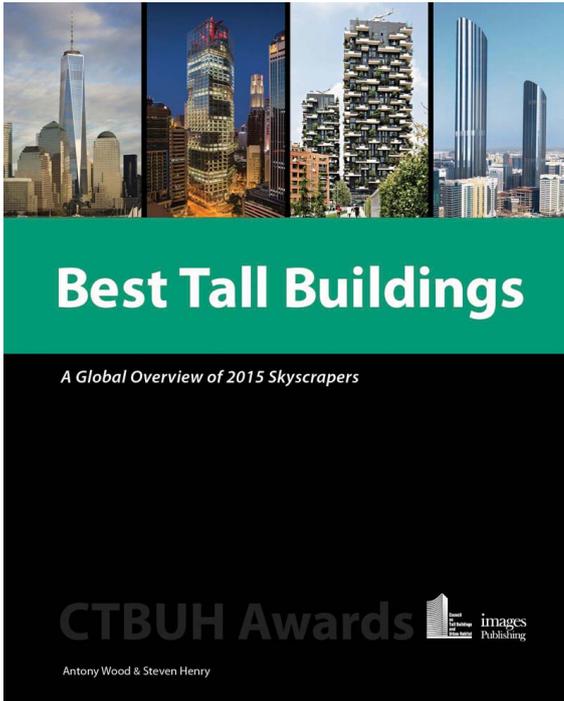


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- The CTBUH is the primary clearinghouse for data in the field of tall buildings, putting its tremendous resources to work in order to make this more than just an awards book, but a comprehensive survey of the activity in skyscrapers the world over, each year
- Readers will gain a better and more varied understanding of the skyscraper typology, why it's important, and where it is innovative

More than a description of the best tall buildings from around the world, this volume serves as a global overview of tall building construction and activity in a given year, highlighting some of the big achievements in the tall building field, particularly showing where innovation is happening. Tall buildings are oftentimes the subject of admiration only for their sheer height or skyline silhouette, and oftentimes criticised for their poor environmental performance (and not without justification). This book aims to change that impression by showing innovations that are particular to tall buildings, in addition to generally good architectural design and engineering prowess. This ambitious and comprehensive text provides in-depth descriptions of the buildings' design and significance, accompanied by stunning images, detailed drawings, and plans. The CTBUH's Awards series draws from the multi-disciplinary expertise of the practitioners directly involved in bringing these buildings to life. This guide is intended for anyone working on the design and operation of tall buildings at both the building and urban scales.

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