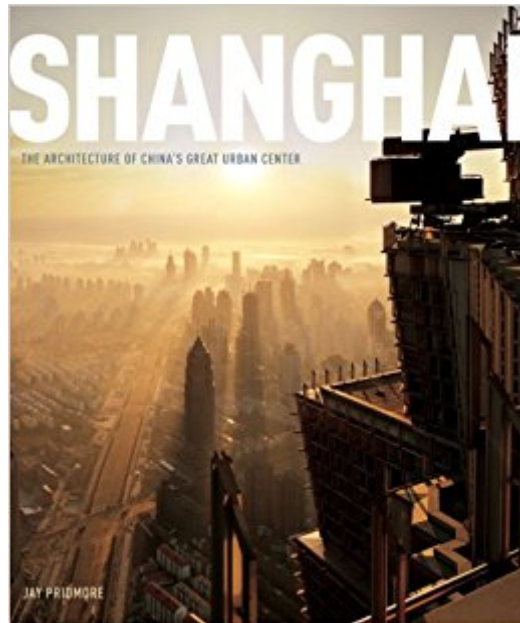




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Synopsis

Shanghai is China's largest city, comparable to New York or Tokyo, and in recent decades it has experienced a building boom on a scale that is simply unprecedented in world history. Shanghai now has more skyscrapers than New York City. Pridmore tells a story that combines art, technology, capitalism, and Communism in vivid prose backed up by extensive reporting and illustrated with superb photographs. After surveying Shanghai's traditional Chinese and colonial architecture, Pridmore turns to the amazing city of today. In the last decades of the 20th century, Shanghai was seen as the engine of modernization in China. Leading architects from around the world, including Norman Foster, Paul Andrew, Adrian Smith, Kohn Petersen Fox, John Portman, Chang Yung Ho, Ma Qingyun, and Benjamin Wood were lured into competitions to design vastly ambitious projects, and towering buildings in a riot of different styles sprung up before planners could even map their neighborhoods. Out of this ferment of creative growth came the most significant new city of the 21st century.

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Jay Pridmore is an architectural historian and the author of numerous books, especially about the architecture of Chicago. Among them is Abrams's Chicago Architecture and Design, now in its second edition. He divides his time between Chicago and Rome.

Having just returned from my first trip to Shanghai, I found this an excellent explanation of the architecture I saw. It's objective and well written with beautiful pictures. It offers insight into the

designs as well as the politics, history, negotiations and process of getting them built. This is a very good resource for the amateur interested in architecture and for the professional.

After my trip to Shanghai I put my photo album together. I searched and searched for names for the many buildings in Pudong that I'd photographed from the Bund and river cruise. I could only find a few. Then I got the great idea to get a book! This book is just what I was looking for. I was able to identify virtually all of the skyscrapers I had photographed and was able to include biographical data as well. I am thrilled. This book is exactly what I expected and more. Thank you.

There were no photos in my collection to match the ones in this book. It captures the architecture and feel of Shanghai perfectly! Love this book.

We visited Shanghai earlier this year. Wish I had this book with me. The buildings are spectacular. It is an amazing city. The book is a valuable resource for anyone traveling in China.

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