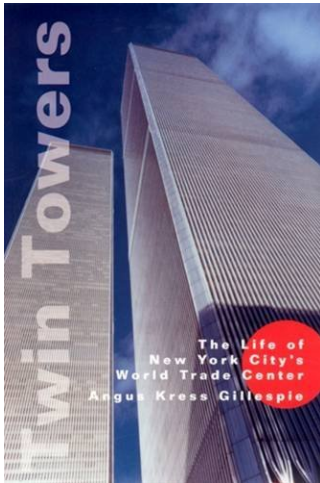


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## Description:

**From Library Journal** Among the most widely recognized of human-made structures, New York City's World Trade Center is both beloved for its photogenic skyline presence and vilified for symbolizing bloated bureaucracy and heartless modernism. These two books comprise initial attempts to flesh out the WTC's history, appraise its place in 20th-century architecture, and judge its success as urban design and economic planning. Neither author is an authority on architecture, city planning, politics, or economics, and both treat the WTC itself as a backdrop to the political maneuvering that made its creation possible. Gillespie (American studies, Rutgers) pens an absorbing account incorporating personal interviews and observations, exuding enthusiasm and empathy. In striking contrast, Darton's (cultural studies, Hunter Coll.)

study brims with irony, invective, and irrelevant digressions. Where Gillespie sees the New York Port Authority, the WTC's parent, as a powerful agency struggling to fulfill its mandate to facilitate transport and commerce, Darton sees the undiluted evil of unaccountable government officials in pursuit of ignoble ends. The same events are given diametrically opposed interpretations, and a few facts appear to be in dispute. Gillespie examines the tower's planning and construction in far more depth, but both he and Darton take the same superficial approach as Tom Wolfe in *From Bauhaus to Our House*. For now, architecture librarians will remain better served by Anthony Robin's *The World Trade Center* (1987). Large urban planning collections, however, may want to add both *Twin Towers* and *Divided We Stand* as a lesson in contrasting interpretation.

-David Solt?sz, *Cuyahoga Cty. P.L., Parma, OH*  
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**Review** "Twin Towers is a richly textured study of an important American icon that symbolizes the intertwining of capitalism and government entrepreneurship in the United States. A nicely crafted study, certain to be of interest to students of American politics and culture, and to engineers and architects." -- *Jameson W. Doig, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University*

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The original World Trade Center was a large complex of seven buildings in the Financial District of Lower Manhattan, New York City, United States. It opened on April 4, 1973, and was destroyed in 2001 during the September 11 attacks. At the time of their completion, the Twin Towers—the original 1 World Trade Center (the North Tower), at 1,368 feet (417 m); and 2 World Trade Center (the South Tower), at 1,362 feet (415.1 m)—were the tallest buildings in the world. Other buildings in the complex The Twin Towers Alliance. Nonprofit Organization. New YORK City here I come. Media/News Company. World Trade Center, New York City. Monument. New York City Sky. Just For Fun. New York City Lover. Public Figure. New York City Instagram. Local & Travel Website. Skyscrapers of New York by Seth Gopin. Interest. Map of Manhattan. Local & Travel Website. New York City Inspired. Local & Travel Website. New York City Architecture. Personal Blog. One World Trade Center - Web Photos. Interest. NYCwanderings. PagesBusinessesArts & EntertainmentMuseumHistory MuseumCommunity MuseumThe life of New York's World Trade Center. English (US) · Suomi · Svenska · Espa±ol · PortuguÃs (Brasil). Information about Page Insights Data. World Trade Center (New York, N.Y.), Skyscrapers, City planning. Publisher. New Brunswick, N.J. : Rutgers University Press. Collection. inlibrary; printdisabled; internetarchivebooks; delawarecountydistrictlibrary; china; americana. Camera. Canon EOS 5D Mark II. City. New Brunswick, NJ [u.a.] Curatenote. shipped. New York's twin towers — the 'filing cabinets' that became icons of America: a history of cities in 50 buildings, day 40. The twin towers of New York's original World Trade Center under construction, as seen from Jersey City in 1970. Photograph: Ed Ford/AP. The twin towers of New York's original World Trade Center under construction, as seen from Jersey City in 1970. Photograph: Ed Ford/AP. In their absence, the towers of the original World Trade Center remain extraordinarily powerful symbols of the city of New York — and America's unbridled capitalist ambition. Oliver Wainwright. @ollywainwri Question: Why was the World Trade Center built by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. How is it that this agency, traditionally known for building bridges and tunnels, ended up with the project? Answer: In the post-World War II period, New York City enjoyed peace and prosperity. The city grew tremendously, but most of the growth was in midtown. The World Trade Center is home to the World Trade Institute; an educational organization set up in 1970 specifically to foster international commerce by holding classes at the Twin Towers complex. The Port Authority ran the Institute from 1970-77, when it was sold to Pace University, which has continued to offer these specialized classes.