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"Did you know that it took ten million bricks to build the Empire State Building?Did you know that residents of the John Hancock Center sometimes have to call down to the doorman to find out the weather on the streets below?Did you know a building in Dubai is planned to be nearly one half mile high?"In "Skyscraper," Lynn Curlee delves into one of man's endless fascinations -- building as high in the sky as possible.From the the Empire State Building to the Chrysler Building, to the Sears and Hancock Towers, to the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, to the World Trade Center, Curlee captures all the drama, excitement, and tragedy of man's attempt to reach ever closer to the clouds. "Skyscraper" details the history of these monuments to ambition, science, and curiosity, beginning with their origins at the Pyramid of Giza and the Eiffel Tower and then moving to New York (the skyscraper capital of the world), Chicago, Boston, and finally to the skyward expansion that is spreading across the globe.

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