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# Sky High



## Synopsis

In this charming illustrated tale, two competing neighbors begin embellishing their houses, only to find themselves caught up in a race to build the tallest, most decadent skyscraper featuring solid gold doors, diamond-encrusted pillars, grand ballrooms, expensive paintings, live tigers, and indoor swimming pools— with consequences inevitable, and not. Kids will love spotting the funny details hidden in this witty take on an age-old moral, while their parents— particularly any who've ever undertaken a remodel— will chuckle with recognition.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"In an age-old story of keeping up with the Joneses, author Germano Zullo has created a children's picture book that follows the fate of two rival neighbors as they compete to build the most extravagant house imaginable.... The zany tale is full of a sense of anticipation that will enthrall kids; meanwhile, adults can mine ideas for their own domestic renovations... Beyond an entertaining story, Sky High is a grand experiment in book design. The height of the book and facing spreads are essential to telling the story." -- Cool Hunting "The intricate black-and-white illustrations with tiny absurd captions are a delight." -- Wired.com

Germano Zullo is an author and poet who lives in Geneva, Switzerland. Albertine has contributed illustration to numerous books. She teaches at the School of Visual Arts in Geneva.

Absolutely wonderful! This is a parable, or maybe a cartoon in the best artist style, or maybe a

conversation starter, or anything else. I loved looking at the pictures, all with more details than perhaps a Where's Waldo book, though not as crammed up... For every child and adult with a sense of humor.

This book is absolutely wonderful! I spotted it in a bookstore in France while on holiday, and was able to get it for such a great price on . Stylistically, this book is above and beyond. The illustrations are lovely and the dialogue warmed my heart. Exquisite work, Zullo and Albertine!

I love the artwork in this book, very fun, whimsical, carefree. The way we all used to draw when we were kids and did not care what anyone thought about our technique, hahaha, very refreshing stylized drawing.

My grandson , who is interested in Architecture , requested this book . He seemed pleased with it and interested in the concept of skyscrapers.

Lovely book :)

Its a fun book to look at all the details but there's not really a story to read. Just little comments and for many the names will be hard to pronounce. I like it enough to keep it and I think older children will enjoy the illustrations. The artwork is excellent.

What happens when rich next-door neighbors decide to out-do each other with their remodeling? About what you'd expect. Rivals Agenor-Agobar Poirier des Chapelles and Willigis Kittycly Jr. clearly have more money than sense, and the book is a series of side-by-side depictions of their houses as they get bigger and grander, with captions for various elements that demonstrate the excess. (Watch for the highest paid architects.) I don't know how long it took Albertine to do these meticulous, crisp line drawings but they are amazing to behold. Though the fate of one of the houses is predictable, you won't expect the fate of the pizza. I guarantee it.

This nearly wordless book follows two neighbors as they attempt to outdo each other and construct the tallest home. Brilliantly illustrated with immense detail that makes you want to sit and soak in each page for hours, SKY HIGH is an entertaining, unique, and fascinating read. It is a book for dreamers, builders, and ultimately for those who just want a good giggle.

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