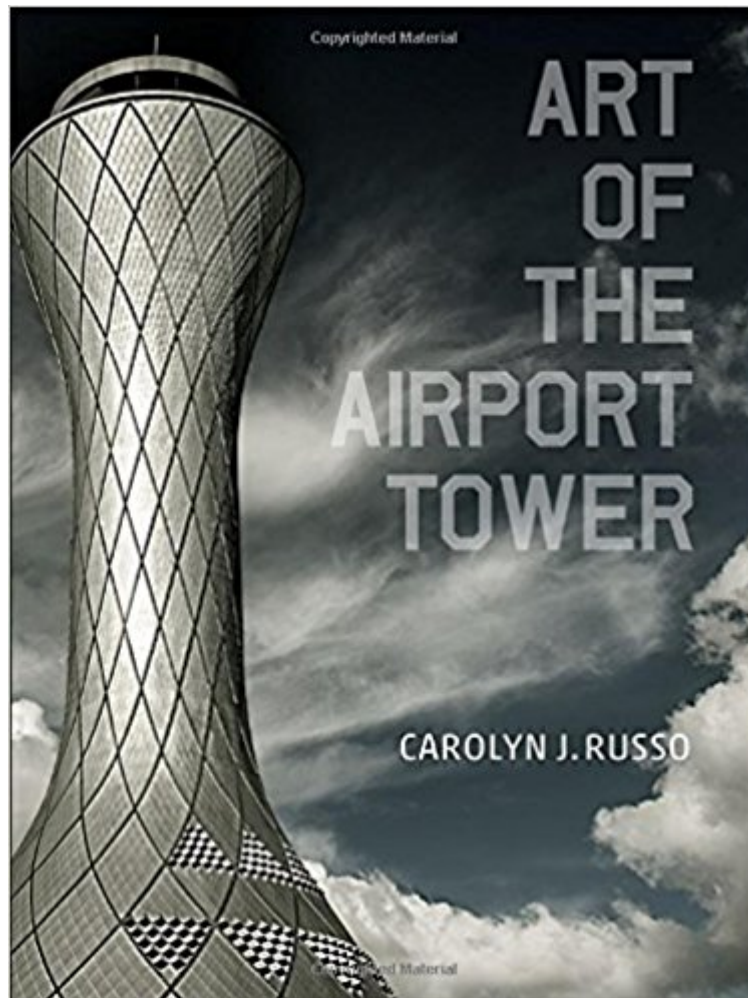




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Synopsis

Art of the Airport Tower is a photographic journey to airports in the U.S. and around the world. This book, the companion volume to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum exhibition of the same name, explores 85 historic and contemporary airport towers through more than 100 fine art photographs by Carolyn Russo. Russo's photography makes these ordinary structures extraordinary: more than mere aviation artifacts, they are monumental abstractions, symbols of cultural expression, and testimonies of technological change. The first impression travelers have when they reach a new city or country may well be the tower; as such, it is often an embodiment of important symbols and values. For example, at the Stockholm-Arlanda Airport in Sweden, two lookout points perch like birds at the top of the control tower in reference to two protective ravens from Nordic mythology. The Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport in China features wavy structures designed to look like scrolls of silk delicately sheltering passengers below. Russo's striking photographs capture these features, and informative captions describe their architectural, cultural, and technological significance. An introduction by Smithsonian commercial aviation expert F. Robert van der Linden tells the history of airport towers to contextualize Russo's work. Art of the Airport Tower is a stunning book that brings a heightened awareness to the architectural beauty and historical significance of these structures.

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This is a lovely book. Few can force art and beauty out of masonry and metal with a shutter trip as

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Put this one on your coffee table, and watch the conversations start! It's an odd collection of global Air Traffic Control Towers. You'll find photos of that evoke nostalgia reminiscent of the '50s B-Movies about Aliens, uber-Modern towers, crumbling towers, and even a list of temporary towers. I have my copy | do you have yours?

My fiancé is an air traffic controller and this book was an amazing gift for Christmas. The book and photography are beautiful in every way. He was very happy with this present.

Gorgeous book! Looks great on the coffee table and everyone is in awe of the stunning pictures. Great gift for aviation enthusiasts!

Carolyn Russo has created a wonderful book. I bought this as a gift for my dad, a retired air traffic controller and he loves it!

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