

# The Life and Work of Gerald Hines: Visionary Architect of the Modern Skyline

## The Early Years

Gerald Dwain Hines was born in Gary, Indiana, on September 15, 1925. His father was a steelworker, and his mother worked as a homemaker. Hines grew up during the Great Depression, and he often witnessed the struggles of his neighbors. This experience instilled in him a lifelong commitment to community service.

Hines attended Purdue University, where he studied architecture. After graduating in 1949, he moved to Houston, Texas, where he worked for a small architectural firm. In 1957, he founded his own company, Hines Interests.



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## The Hines Empire

Hines Interests quickly became one of the most successful real estate development companies in the world. Hines developed some of the most iconic skyscrapers in the world, including the Sears Tower, the Bank of America Plaza, and the Petronas Towers.

Hines was a pioneer in sustainable architecture. He was one of the first developers to use energy-efficient construction materials and renewable energy sources. He also worked to create pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods and public spaces.

### **Civic Leadership**

In addition to his business success, Hines was also a dedicated civic leader. He served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Houston Symphony. He was also a major supporter of education, and he helped to found the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture at the University of Houston.

### **Personal Life**

Hines was married to Dorothy Buffington Hines for 66 years. They had four children. Hines was a passionate golfer and a collector of American art. He died on August 22, 2020, at the age of 95.

### **Legacy**

Gerald Hines was one of the most influential architects of the 20th century. He designed some of the world's most iconic skyscrapers, and he pioneered sustainable architecture. He was also a dedicated civic leader and a generous philanthropist.

Hines' legacy will continue to inspire generations of architects and urban planners. His work helped to shape the modern skyline, and his commitment to sustainability will help to ensure a brighter future for our planet.

### **Detailed descriptions of some of Gerald Hines' most famous buildings:**

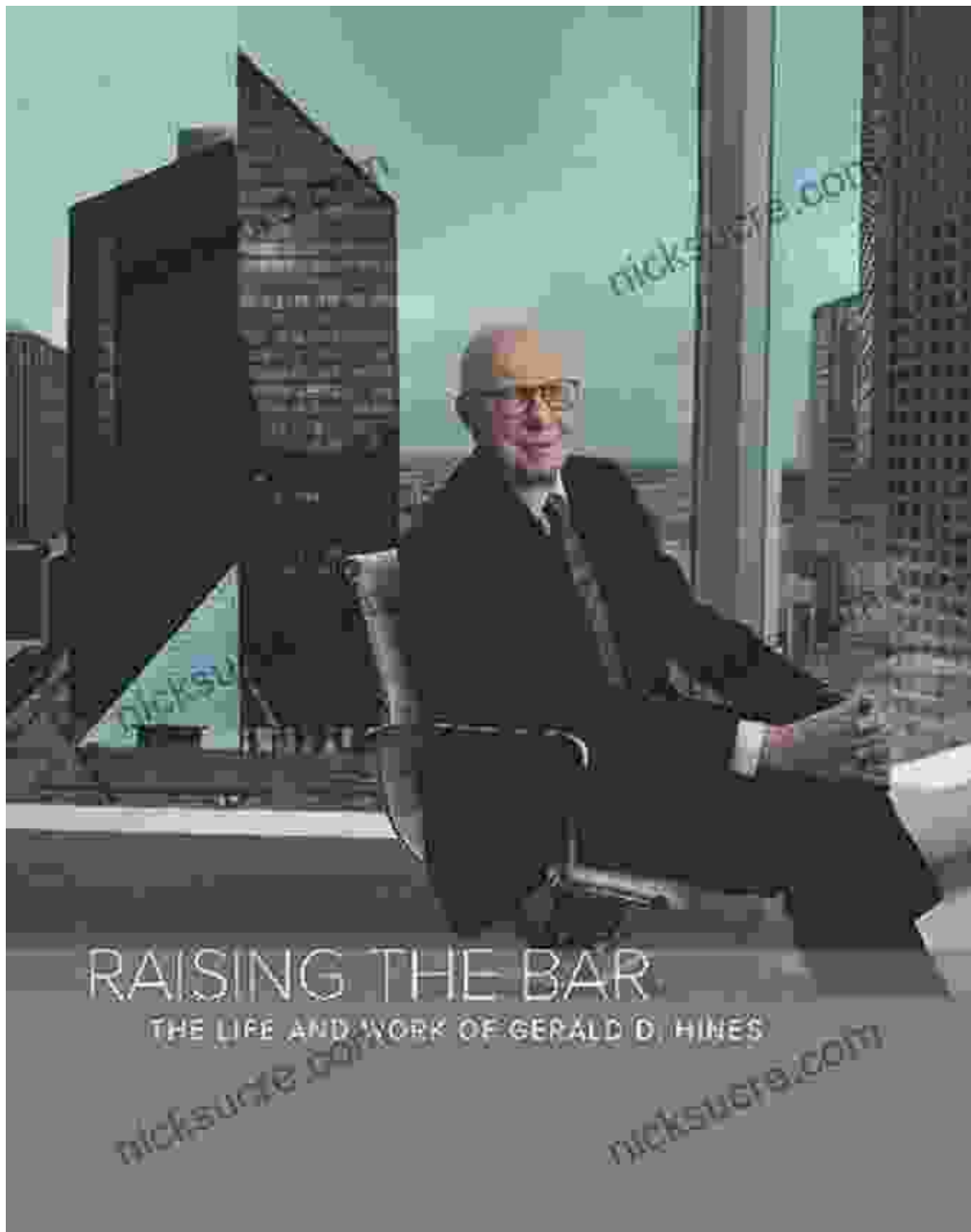
- Sears Tower: The Sears Tower, now known as the Willis Tower, is a 110-story skyscraper in Chicago, Illinois. It was designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and completed in 1974. The Sears Tower was the tallest building in the world for 25 years, until it was surpassed by the Petronas Towers in 1998.

- Bank of America Plaza: The Bank of America Plaza is a 72-story skyscraper in Atlanta, Georgia. It was designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates and completed in 1992. The Bank of America Plaza is the tallest building in Atlanta and the 10th tallest building in the United States.

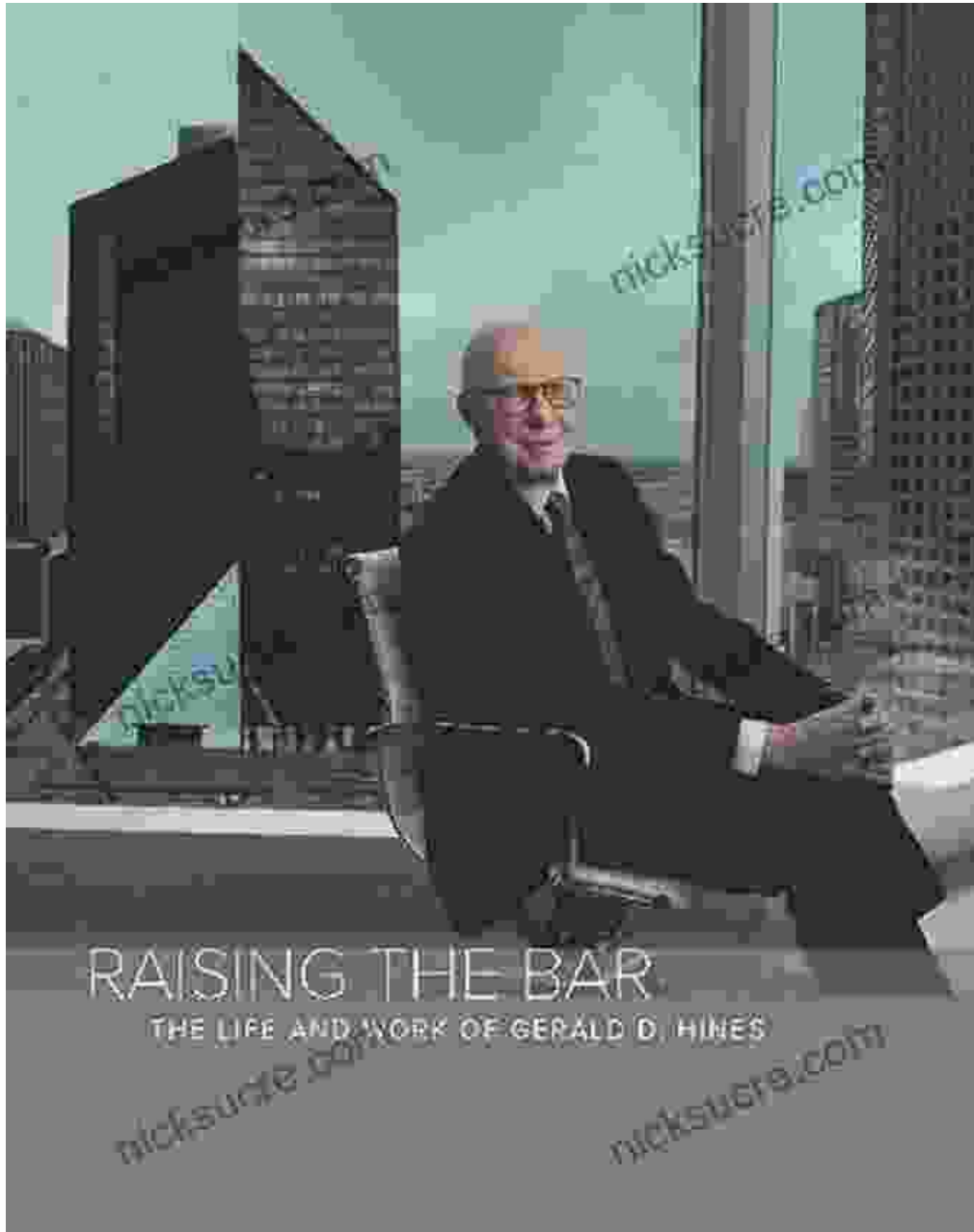
- Petronas Towers: The Petronas Towers are a pair of 88-story skyscrapers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They were designed by Cesar Pelli and Associates and completed in 1998. The Petronas Towers were the tallest buildings in the world for six years, until they were surpassed by the Taipei 101 in 2004.

### **Images of Gerald Hines and his work:**

- Gerald Hines:



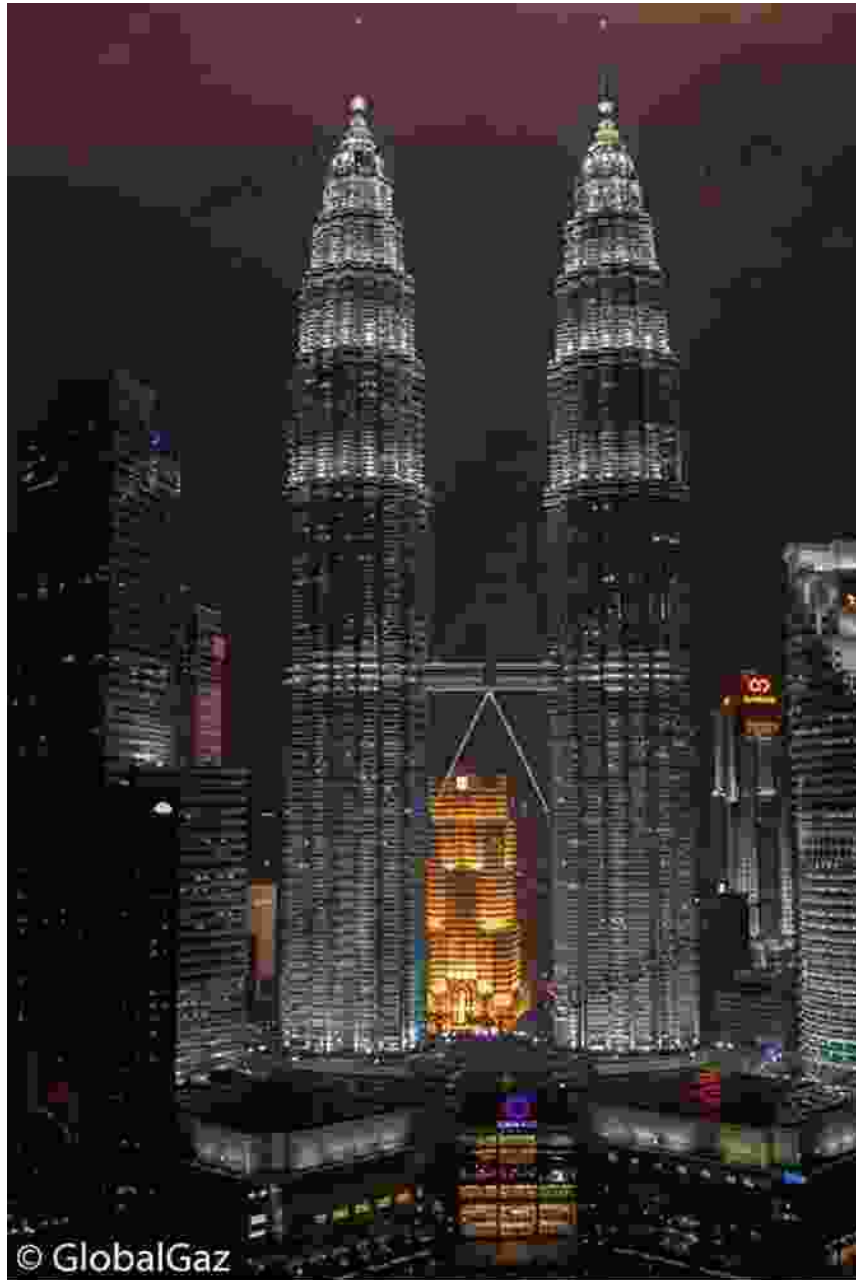
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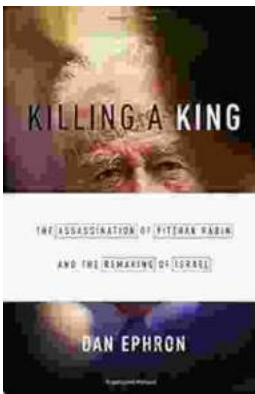
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