

**Gustave Eiffel:
La Tour de 200 Mètres
By Bertrand Lemoine
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When it was completed in 1889, the Eiffel Tower was the highest structure in the world, measuring 300 metres (slightly over 984 feet). The tower has become one of the

world's most famous and recognizable structures, synonymous with Paris itself, and is toured (so to speak) by more than six million visitors per year. This enormous work, published in 1900 as a large folio in a limited edition of 500 copies by Gustave Eiffel, was never sold, but only given and donated by Eiffel himself. With a text in eight languages, and featuring 53 double-page plates of technical drawings as well as 11 photographs of the construction, the book reveals the complex and fascinating process of bringing the tower to life.

