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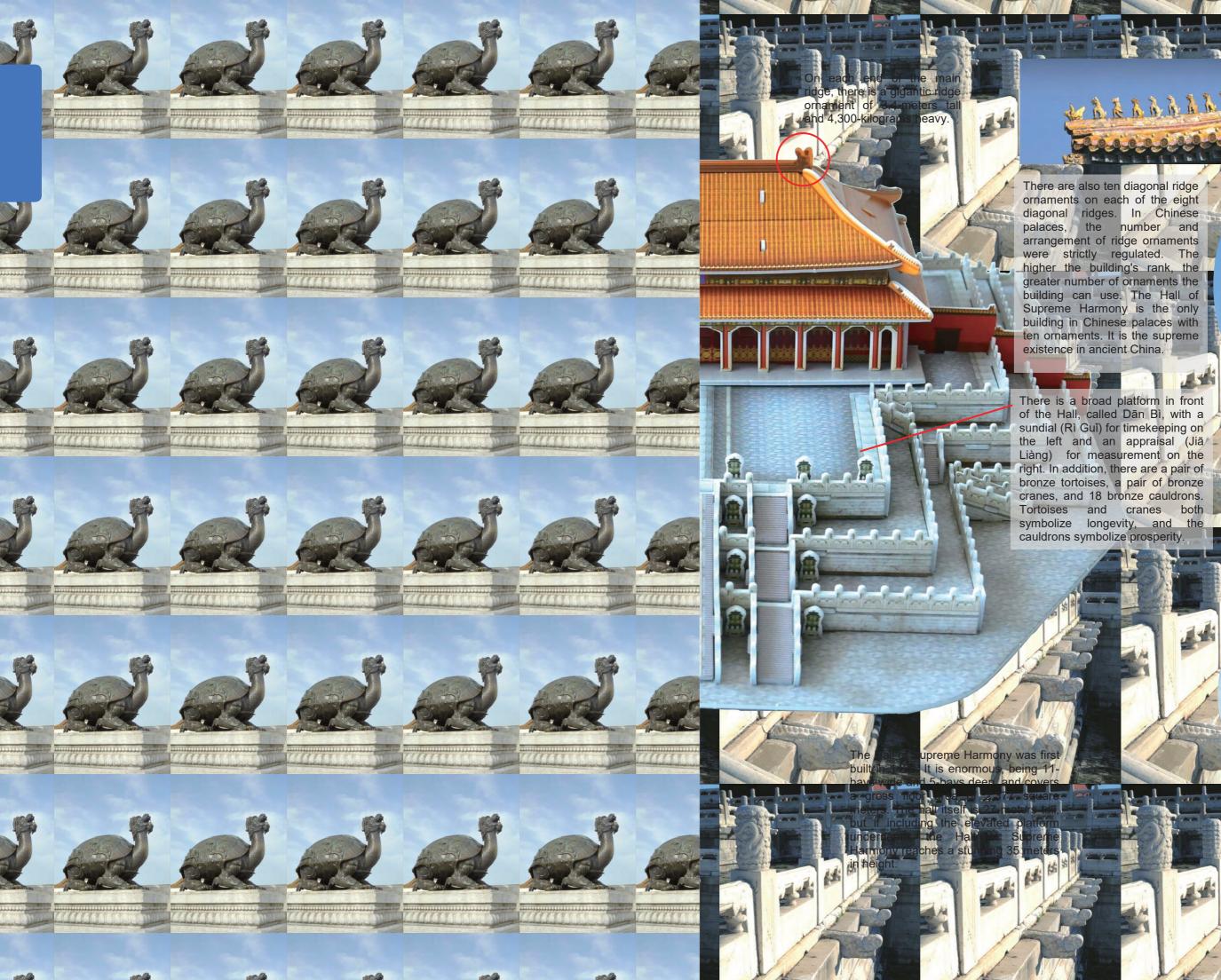
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There are also ten diagonal ridge ornaments on each of the eight diagonal ridges. In Chinese palaces, the number and arrangement of ridge ornaments were strictly regulated. The higher the building's rank, the greater number of ornaments the building can use. The Hall of Supreme Harmony is the only building in Chinese palaces with ten ornaments. It is the supreme existence in ancient China.

There is a broad platform in front of the Hall, called Dan Bì, with a sundial (Rì Guǐ) for timekeeping on the left and an appraisal (Jia/ Liàng) for measurement on the right. In addition, there are a pair of bronze tortoises, a pair of bronze cranes, and 18 bronze cauldrons. Tortoises and cranes both symbolize longevity, and the cauldrons symbolize prosperity.

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Growing up traveling among Shanghai, Hong Kong, and San Francisco every year for her studies, the author learned to speak five different languages fluently, English, Chinese, French, German, and Shanghainese. Most importantly, she learned to appreciate multiple cultures with a global mindset.

This book on Chinese architecture is not a simple compilation of theoretical knowledge points but an exciting reservoir reflecting the author's versatile interests in math, science, engineering, arts, languages, and history.

Starting from **3D models** of Chinese palaces, the author took readers into the world of Chinese architecture, covering civilian houses, temples, gardens, and contemporary structures. At the end of the book, the author also provided a list of English Chinese translations on some very special terminologies.

With tons of fun facts, high-quality photos, and hand-drawn illustrations, readers of all ages will be able to navigate this book with ease.





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