

# Art of the Brooklyn Bridge: A Visual History

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## Early Depictions of the Brooklyn Bridge

The Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883, and it quickly became a popular subject for artists. Early depictions of the bridge often focused on its engineering marvel. Artists such as Thomas Moran and Winslow Homer painted the bridge from various angles, capturing its towering height and intricate structure.





*The Brooklyn Bridge* by Winslow Homer, 1886

## **The Brooklyn Bridge as a Symbol of New York City**

As the years passed, the Brooklyn Bridge became increasingly associated with New York City. Artists began to depict the bridge in more human terms, as a place where people lived, worked, and played. Photographers such as Alfred Stieglitz and Paul Strand captured the bridge's everyday life, while painters such as John Marin and Edward Hopper used it as a backdrop for their urban scenes.





*Brooklyn Bridge* by Paul Strand, 1915





*Nighthawks* by Edward Hopper, 1942

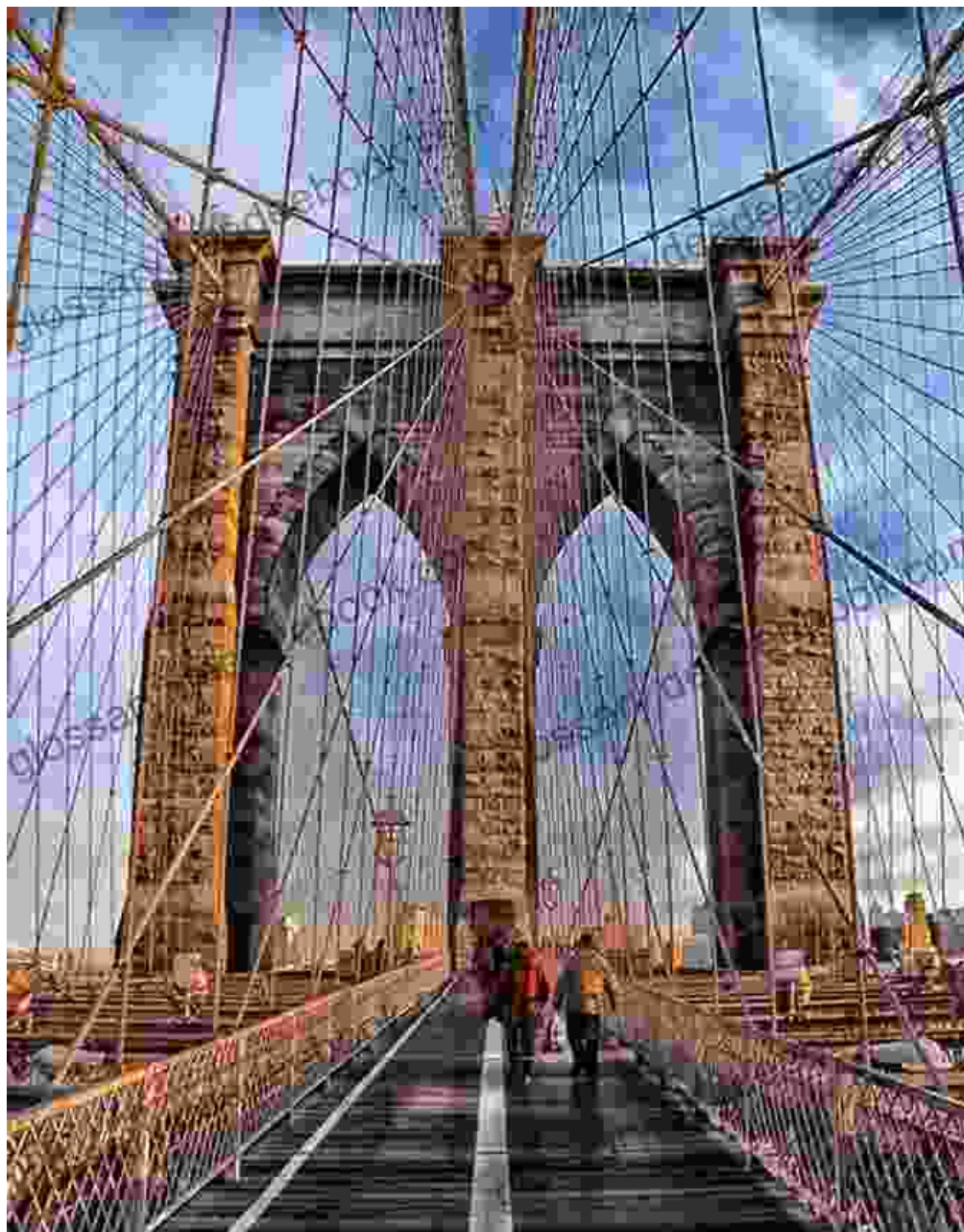
## **The Brooklyn Bridge in Contemporary Art**

The Brooklyn Bridge continues to be a source of inspiration for contemporary artists. Artists such as Jeff Koons, Cindy Sherman, and Cai Guo-Qiang have all created works of art that engage with the bridge's history and symbolism.

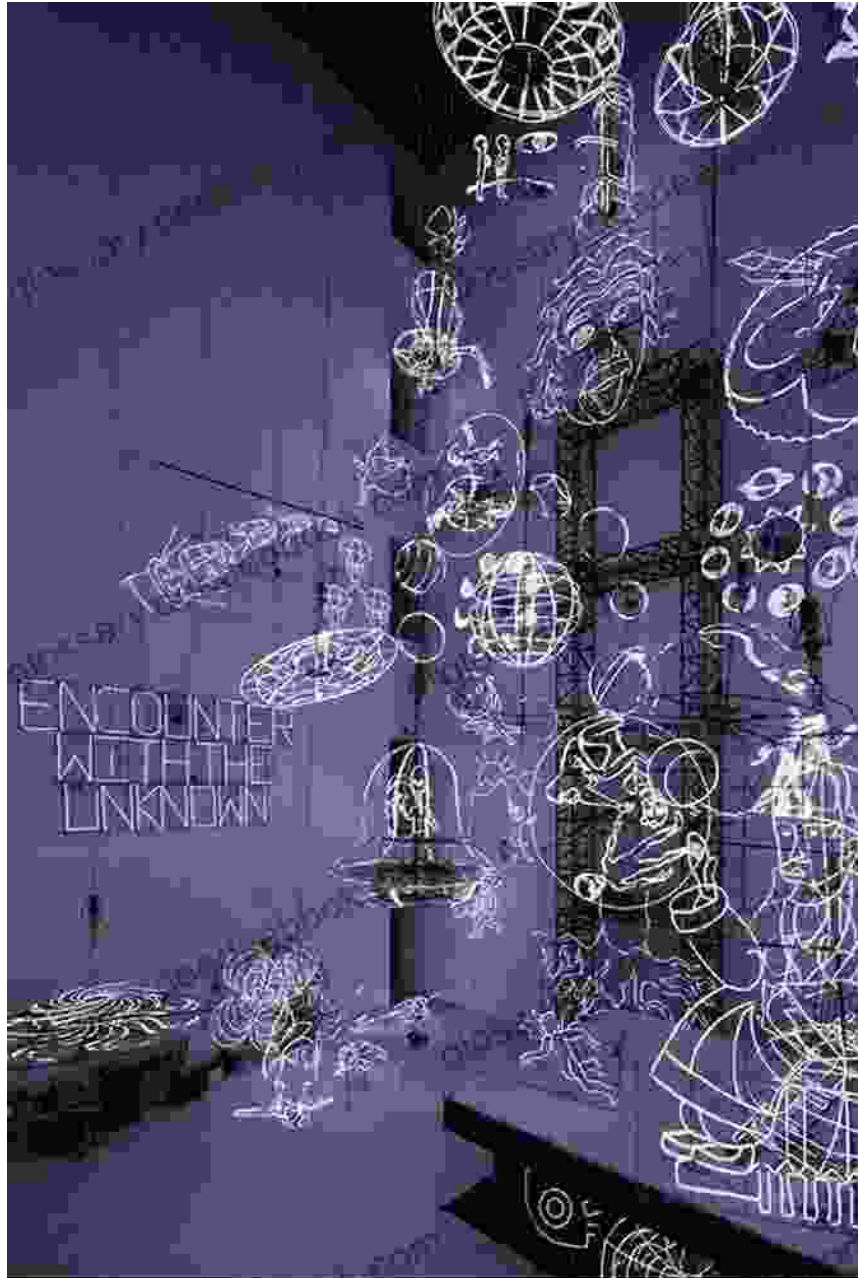








*Untitled Film Still #21* by Cindy Sherman, 1977-80



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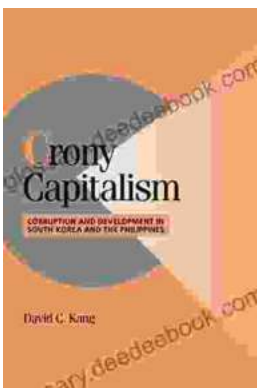


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