



The Secret Lives of Buildings: From the Parthenon to the Vegas Strip in Thirteen Stories (Paperback)

By Edward Hollis

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