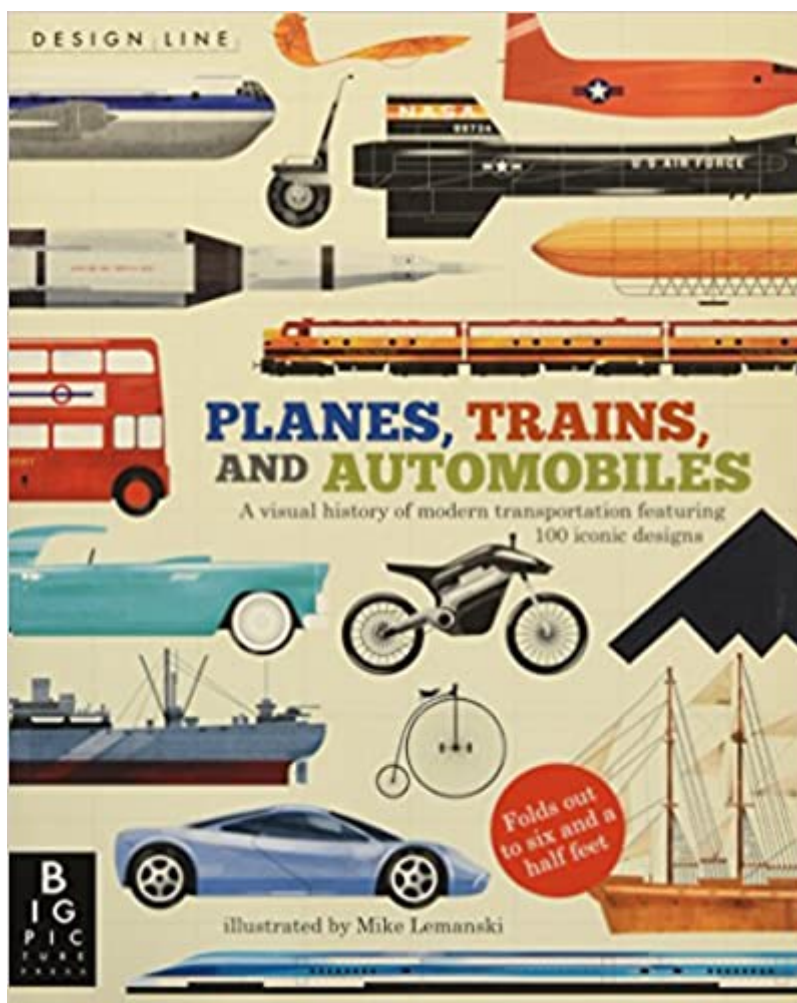


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# Design Line: Planes, Trains, And Automobiles



## Synopsis

The first in a series of concertina fold-out books, *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* features one hundred iconic boats, bikes, and other examples of creative excellence. This is a comparative history of transportation, illuminated in a visually accessible timeline that can be read back to front, top to bottom, and right to left. Brought to life by Mike Lemanski, this book is a stylish tribute to vehicles of all shapes and sizes.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 3 Up "A busy profusion of 100 small aircraft, trains, bikes, automobiles, and ships zoom across eight cardboard fold-out pages in this quasi-book product that also works as a six and a half-foot poster. Intended as "a visual history of modern transportation," the eclectic assortment of vehicles from more than 200 years range from the 1801 Nautilus to 2010's SpaceShipTwo and the giant cruise ship Allure of the Sea. They march across the long spread of pages somewhat chronologically and by type, with air transport at the top and water craft at the bottom. Occasional anomalies interrupt the flow; a train appears between a motorcycle and an automobile rather than up in the train line, for instance. Images are realistic in color and proportion with a fair amount of detail, given their small size, and they are labeled by name and year. The back side of the foldout

contains brief bits of information on the vehicles over white silhouettes on blue background. Some small statements mention specific design or mechanical features. Folded inside the back cover are two pages of short explanations of "Ten Things That Got Us Moving Faster." The personal selection of vehicles leaves many gaps and omissions in the history, though the broad inclusion of countries is welcome. The stacked layout provides some interesting views of varied modes of transport sharing approximate time periods. The front-to-back folding may result in a short shelf life in libraries, though there are possibilities for display purposes. This unique book could appeal to some children fond of car, plane, and ship models and might be of interest to libraries collecting fold-out or other toy books.â "Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston

This title is less of a book than a visual experience guaranteed to rev the engines of anyone who has ever admired a mechanized means of locomotion. The six-foot-long concertina-fold page contains articulate, satisfyingly detailed, illustrated side views of iconic vehicles throughout history that drive, fly, and float. They parade across the thick page like the exceedingly well-ordered fever dream of vehicle-loving children everywhere, advancing chronologically from airships, Pullman Sleeping Cars, and Savannah ships up to space shuttles, Ferraris, and modern Boeings, with stops along the way for a double-decker bus, the Hindenburg, and even the Titanic. Along with the short informational blurb about each vehicle on the reverse side, and the short essay Ten Things That Got Us Moving Faster (from the Industrial Revolution to composite materials), Oxlade and Lemanski have elegantly engineered this for both general information and for pure visual enjoyment. Vehicle enthusiasts of all ages will not be able to keep their eyes, their hands, or their imaginations off of it. More titles in the Design Lines line are planned. Grades K-2. --Jesse Karp

This book is amazing! It's a giant foldout on thick cardstock (not quite "hardcover" as it's listed, arranged in time-line fashion from early transportation to modern. Pictures on one side and corresponding text on the other, along with a fascinating list of 10 technologies that changed transportation. I got it from the school library and loved it so much I got a copy for the classroom, and a crowd always gathers around whomever is reading it! (I teach 2nd and 3rd graders) I've become convinced that well-organized, well-presented and engaging material is more important to getting kids interested in nonfiction reading than anything else, and this book definitely fits the bill. this book does have to be folded up in a certain way, so it goes on the special shelf with popups and other easy-to-mangle books. probably not for kids much younger than 2nd, either content or care-wise, but older kids, even adults will like it.

This is such a neat book! I know my five year old son will enjoy it!

Great book, illustrations everything.

thanks

It unfolds displaying a visual timeline that is just over six feet in length. On one side you'll find detailed illustrations of planes, trains, autos, etc. and on the reverse side is a little information about each design. If you are interested in the evolution of transportation and the designs of cutting edge vehicles, trains, planes, bikes and ships then you'll want to display this fold out someplace in your home, office, or classroom. Offering a feast for the eyes there's so much to take in here you'll spend quite a bit of time taking it all in. Also notice how the author/illustrator arranges his work by time periods as well as types of transportation. This may be aimed at a young audience but many adults will love this book too. Book provided by publisher.

A good layout but uninspired.

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