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The Big Book Of Airplanes



Synopsis

From military planes to the commercial jumbo jet to space shuttles, the Big Book of Airplanes is a spectacular look at a subject that fascinates kids. Find out how farmers use planes to help manage their crops and get a look at the brightly colored planes at an airshow and find out how their designs help them pull off exciting stunts and acrobatics. Each type of plane gets its own spread and features multiple images to give kids a look inside. Captions and text on the page go into detail about how each plane operates and the different tasks it performs from the ultralight planes that are used for sport to the seaplanes that can land on water. With striking images and informative text, Big Book of Airplanes is the perfect guide for young readers who want to learn more about different aircrafts used around the world.

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Customer Reviews

DK adds to the oversize Big Book series with Airplanes, which details everything from the 1930s yellow and black Gee Bee, known for its high speeds and "daredevil tactics," to today's jumbo jet (aka the Boeing 747), including working aircraft like the agricultural airplane and the ER-2, a "flying laboratory," and even a spy plane, the SR-71A. Cutaway views show cockpits and front, rear and side views. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Gr. 2-5, younger for reading aloud. Jumbo jets and seaplanes; the tiny "Gee Bee" and the space

plane X-33--all are included in this oversize, fact-packed picture book. The book follows the publisher's signature design: stunning photographs, diagrams, and succinct text presented in brief paragraphs are set against plenty of white space. Combined with technical and historical information are details kids will love: they'll learn, for example, where the waste from a jet's toilet is stored. Excellent browsing for aviation fans and for reluctant readers. Glossary. Gillian Engberg
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This is a gorgeous, well researched and laid out coffee table book. Every page is beautifully illustrated with photographs and drawings. Whatever your interest in bees, an insect that humanity depends on for our very survival, you'll find this to be an exceptional resource for your family, and a handsome addition to your library. We're just getting into keeping bees, our first hive was installed yesterday! This morning, there's the busy hum of bees working the garden, and the sight of the girls wiggling into flowers and circling over the hive. We got the Bee Book in order to assist in the preparation and learning process and it's been a huge help. I was able to recount some facts that even our expert bee keepers did not know! If your goal is to rear bees yourself (and there are few ways to better assist life on the planet, given that bees are disappearing by the billions), you'll find a cornucopia of useful information. You'll learn how bees, wasps and ants all emerged from a common ancestor. You'll read about the enormous number of bee species, including stingless bees. You'll find out that our common honey bees are not native after all, but were introduced by European colonists, now found on every continent except Antarctica. You'll be introduced to modern bee keeping methods, types of hives, queens and colonies, the protective clothing and equipment you'll need to care for your bees, to harvesting your honey and wax, and much more. There are chapters on creating a bee-friendly garden, to things you can do with the products of your hives from candle making to sculptures. You'll learn about bee predators, large and small, and what to do about them. There are recipes for medicine -- everything from acne to colds. You'll learn how to make body butter and balms, scrubs and facial masks, all from the liquid gold and wax your bees provide. It's a wonderful book, chockablock with fascinating and useful information, well written and beautifully illustrated. At a price point under \$17 (with free shipping for Prime members), this is an exceptional value. Highly recommended.

Loved it! We are first time beekeepers, we just got our bees 4 days ago! We have two Warre hives

and are going the more natural path. Beforehand, I wanted to read a variety of books about beekeeping to understand my options and then, make my choices that aligned to my philosophy. As an aside, we also took a beekeeping class. I purchased this book with a few others because it looked interesting and thought my husband would enjoy it mostly. I thought the illustrations would provide some interesting graphics for reference and to visualize this whole process, but it ended up being a great read! It provided a different perspective than the beekeeping books, with a center on the bees and history of the bees which is helpful to understand to know why and how bees are doing what they are doing now. It wasn't repetitive and it was a nice companion to the other books. The illustrations were beautiful! I really got much more than I expected from this book and it is just so pretty!

Wonderful book - hard cover, with so many pictures and drawings, it reminds me of a picture book I would have had as a child - wonderful to just hold and look through - and yet it has lots of reading material and is chock full of information. I especially like the structure of first telling you about bees in general (apparently there are many more bees in the world than honey bees, most of them solitary) with some very nifty information (with instructions and oodles of pictures) of how to invite wild pollinators to your yard and offer them homes and food and protection - a section of planting for bees - and then, the second half of the book, all about getting started with keeping honey bees. No lack of information, though, seems to me like everything is covered, from getting bees to all the chores one needs to think about, even a time table for a bee keeper on what time of year one needs to look out for queens, swarming, diseases and pests, and winterizing, and how it is all done. Delightful little book that told me all I wanted to know and so much more, in a fun and entertaining format! Thank you!

As a new beekeeper this book is just what I needed. The clear, detailed close up photos helped have the confidence to inspect a hive first time on my own....and, know what I should be looking at.

My 2-1/2 year old son loves to "read" this book, and I enjoy reading it to him. The text is definitely written to an older child (I would say that a child would have to be in at least second grade before reading it on his or her own). Fortunately, there are enough snippets of information that an adult can tailor the words to fit the child as she or he reads aloud. The photos, though, are what make this book so attractive. Each type of aircraft (to include experimental aircraft, Chinook helicopters, and future space-shuttle-like craft) has a two-page spread of photos in this oversized book. Most types

feature at least three photos: one from the side, one from directly in front (the SR-71 Blackbird and the jumbo jet are particularly striking!) and one from the rear. Every type of aircraft has a photo taken while flying. My young son is learning that jet planes don't have propellers and that rocket engines look different from jet engines. Of course, at first, he was more interested in the striking colors of the aircraft chosen for the photos, but this book allows him to grow. He has a while yet before he learns "it all", unlike some of the other airplane books for young children. An enthusiastic thumbs up!

My 5 year old nephew loved the book, but I didn't like the layout and angles of the photos - would prefer smaller photos of the sides of the plane rather than a photo taken right in front of the nose, with the centerfold awkwardly running down its centre. Felt the book could have made better use of its size. The information was interesting and useful and even my brother in his 30s enjoyed it.

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