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Review

"Carol Barton's pop-up workbook is glorious! Unique and delightfully playful, her work continues the time-honored tradition of movables in books." —Robert Sabuda, author, *Winter's Tale: An Original Pop-Up Journey*

"Most of the examples focus on grown-up uses for popups—effective presentations and so on—but it's really easy to see how you could use this with kids (or friends) to make wicked-cool art." —BoingBoing.net

From the Publisher

This book is the first of three volumes that will be published on the art of "paper engineering" or how to make pop-ups. It introduces the subject by describing how pop-ups move, and what tools and materials are needed for their creation. Readers who have limited 3-dimensional design experience will appreciate the interactive, hands-on approach adapted by the author, who has taught the subject to people of all ages. Starting with the simplest cut-and-fold box and triangle forms, each project builds on the prior one in developing a knowledge base of pop-up formats. The book is filled with full-color photos of finished projects, sample ideas, and drawings of each step of the construction process. The book is hard-bound, with a matte varnish on the cover that resists dirt and moisture, and an inner spiral binding that allows the book to lie open flat while in use as an instruction manual.

From the Author

I have been teaching people how to make pop-ups for the past twenty years, and still enjoy the process. There is magic in the transformation between a flat page or card and opening it to reveal a dimensional form. Students are transfixed by the discovery that they can create this magic by designing their own pop-ups. It's my hope that this first volume of "The Pocket Paper Engineer," along with the volumes to follow, will serve as helpful guides to a truly wonderful artform.

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