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Transformers: The Ultimate Pop-Up Universe



Synopsis

TRANSFORMERS shift, change, and rise to battle in this spectacular interactive pop-up adventure by bestselling paper engineer Matthew Reinhart. Open each page to explore a different part of the vast Transformers universe-then pull the tabs to watch the pop-ups change into entirely new paper creations! Watch as the planet Cybertron changes into an epic battle on Earth. Then look out for the mighty Autobot Omega Supreme -- Reinhart's tallest pop-up ever -- as he rises off the page to smash Decepticon foes. In this epic pop-up experience unlike any seen before, only you hold the power to make the Autobots and Decepticons turn from vehicles to robots, and back again. Starring more than 35 iconic Transformers characters, including Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Megatron, Starscream, and more, Transformers: The Ultimate Pop-Up Universe offers fans new and old a pop-up experience they won't ever forget. Here's a book that's truly more than meets the eye!

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Customer Reviews

This introduction to the Transformers universe, as told through a stunning series of pop-up pages, is brilliant. The illustrations by Santalucia are fantastic, expertly blending the Generation One, live-action movie franchise, and Prime styles of Transformers character art into one cohesive and beautiful hybrid. There are little easter eggs hidden in the art as well, with some rather obscure and surprising characters making appearances. Reinhart's paper engineering is sheer genius. The

pop-ups are huge, elaborate affairs that flip and fold from one mode to the next. Each turn of the page reveals another amazing work of art, showcasing characters and motifs that are prevalent in Transformers fiction. Unicron (available in the deluxe hardcover edition) transforms from a planet to a robot, with the end result looking not unlike the poster art for the 1986 animated Transformers film. Other wonderful examples include Omega Supreme, the Combaticons, and the Transformers home planet of Cybertron, which changes into a scene of the Autobots and Decepticons battling on Earth. This is a breathtaking addition to my collection. Care should be taken if this book is intended as a gift for small hands, as the pop-ups are very intricate. I highly recommend it to paper art fans, and to fans of the Transformers. This book is truly marvelous.

Bought this for my son for Christmas((he hasn't seen it yet, but will be stoked!)) but I truly think my HUSBAND wanted it for himself when I showed him! The magic and wonder of a pop up book brings out the kid in all of us. Great price, quality book and I'll be buying more for our collection.

This book boggles the mind. The artistry? Glorious! The mechanical operation? INGENIOUS! Buy this for yourself, buy it as a gift for just about anyone. If you are reading reviews to help you make up your mind - stop NOW and get this book! My cleaning lady and I looked through Transformers together today in complete awe. We'd turn a page, be amazed, then operate a pull-tab to perform a transformation so entirely unexpected and amazing that it took the breath away. I don't think I've ever written a review with as much enthusiasm as I'm writing this one. Wish there were some punctuation mark that was more emphatic than an exclamation point!! One caveat: The pop-ups are so complex and intricate that they should not be handled by any but the most careful and respectful person. This book is a treasure, worth treating tenderly.

The engineering wizardry of making PAPER transform cars and planes into robots is just great fun to marvel at. Highly recommended for fans of Transformers from the 1980s. I'm (very carefully) sharing it with my 3 year old son who is yelling "Transform" at the book as he pulls and pushes the tabs. I'll be buying copies for several of my friends to share with their boys.

This is a great pop up book. If you like transformers then you will enjoy this book. If you like pop up books, you will love this book. The information in the book wasn't anything spectacular. It has a number of information entries about various transformers, their history, and locations. This book really shines in the pop up features. Throughout the book the pages not only pop up to make

scenes of robots, the robots have pull tabs to transform.

I love this book! The engineering that went into the papercraft is just amazing. I have several of the author's other books, but this one is the most impressive from that standpoint. One drawback, it is pretty short.

Matthew Reinhart outdoes himself with each new creation! This is one of his best creations (I have many of his books). Transformers is a perfect theme for various pop-up techniques. There are surprises at every corner. Totally love this book!

While I am much too old for pop-up books anymore, I have a fascination with engineering and design, which also feeds my interest in Transformers. When I heard that the pop-ups in this book actually shifted from vehicle to robot I had to find a copy just to see how that worked. Upon receiving it, the book fell open to the pages with the Omega Supreme construct (yes, it takes up two pages) and I was dumbfounded. It is over a foot tall, possibly 14 inches; I'm not exactly sure as I didn't measure it. This is light years beyond anything I ever saw in a pop-up book as a child. The artwork is lush, bright, and colorful. The text is simple enough for children to read and understand, and contains a familiar mix of old (1980s) Transformer backstory with newer information and updated biographies. A tidbit for dyed-in-the-wool Transformer fans: Scrounge is included here, but you have to look for him. I would not recommend this book for very young children, though, as some of the larger constructs in my copy (Optimus and Megatron) have some resistance to them when I pull on the tabs, so I'm very aware of tearing them. Also, when I removed the shrink wrap, one minor character was already torn off and fell out of the book. I was able to repair it, but obviously wasn't too happy as it was an integral part of a special construct, and I wonder how many other copies this might have occurred in. There were also a couple more constructs which didn't transform all the way after their tabs were extended and needed some gentle coaxing to complete their changes. But, with the intricacy involved here, I suppose some glitches are inevitable. Another thing parents might want to keep in mind is this book is short - 10 pages total including the ones printed on the interiors of the front and back covers. All in all, however, I was extremely impressed and I can honestly say I am proud to display this book in my library.

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