

# The Great International Paper Airplane Book

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**Jerry Mander, George Dippel, Howard Luck Gossage : The Great International Paper Airplane Book** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great International Paper Airplane Book:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good fun, especially for the scientific-minded child.By Generic ManI got this book as a gift from my hip Californian uncle when I was maybe 7 years old. For anyone who didn't catch on: Scientific American magazine in the mid-1960s sought paper airplane entries to determine which designs could fly the furthest, look the best, etc. To this day I still haven't made all the airplanes inside it, but I've always loved it. So much, in fact, that I bought it again via as my first copy was lost somewhere in the 80s or 90s.Half as intriguing as the plane designs themselves are the snippets from Scientific American ("this plane found in the 5th floor stairwell of 1890 5th Ave, New York--do you know who made it?"), the letters from the contestants (one plane is inscribed with

instructions to throw it HARD and HIGH), the photos of SA staff, aviators, and all kinds of stuff unrelated to the actual contest. It's also a bit of a historical document. Entries come from moon rocket designers at Martin Marietta in Colorado, from defense contractors in Virginia and Maryland, from Boeing engineers in Seattle, and all points in between, including some beautiful artistic and origami entries from Brooklyn, Los Angeles, etc. Anyway, this thing is half scrapbook, half do-it-yourself design and engineering, and it's bound to inspire some creativity and craftsmanship in kids. Gift it to someone 10 or younger and it will hold their interest for weeks, maybe even interest them in aviation, design, editing, whatever. Worth \$10-\$15 easily these days, and can be had for half as much. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book By veloguy I love this book but it was missing a few pages. Probably the best paper airplane reference there is. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book By EcoDesigner This is a really neat paper airplane book. It gives a background of flight, physics, how airplanes work, etc., and then has some really neat (but relatively simple to make) paper airplanes. Other books tend to be either too simple (for small children) or too complex (for adults who don't mind spending 30 minutes to construct one paper airplane). But this one is a nice middle ground.

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.com My dad bought this book for me when I was 9 years old, and I was hooked on making paper airplanes for years--and so was he! This delightful book, first published in 1967, and still in print, brings together plans for the 20 best of the 11,851 entrants from the 1st International Paper Airplane contest sponsored by Scientific American. Some trivia: the smallest entry was .08" x .00003 inches; the largest, 11 feet!. Guaranteed to provide hours of amusement, and possibly even inspire careers in aerodynamics. (The polymathic primary author of this book--Jerry Mander--has also written a tremendous volume on the inherent evils of television as a medium, *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*).