

SERIES FACT SHEET

How Things Get Built

A children's nonfiction series for readers ages seven to ten.

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PUBLISHER

Coby Press

VOLUMES

Thirty

CATEGORY

Children's Nonfiction / Ages 7 to 10

PUBLICATION

2026 onward

FORMAT

Hardcover, ebook

SERIES OVERVIEW

Thirty volumes that show how the physical world is actually made. Roads, bridges, modular homes, ships, tunnels, water systems, power grids. Written by an author with thirty years of construction and manufacturing experience and edited to respect the intelligence of young readers. Each volume covers one subject with the rigor of a working professional and the clarity of a teacher.

SERIES STRUCTURE

The series is organized in three thematic groups, each a complete arc.

Group I / The Physical World. The buildings, roads, and bridges that children encounter every day. Five volumes.

Group II / Hidden Systems. The invisible infrastructure: water, electricity, factories, modular construction, power. Five volumes.

Group III / Complex Systems. The largest-scale work: airports, cities, ports, railways. Twenty volumes in development, released in waves.

FORMAT & APPROACH

Each volume follows the same structural arc: the idea, the plan, the build, the problems, the finish. Children learn process thinking, sequencing, and how real systems work. Books include a "Builder's Challenge" page that turns the volume from a book into a learning tool. Visual approach: clean, modern, semi-realistic illustrations and clear diagrammatic labeling. Think National Geographic Kids meets construction plans.

FOR SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

Group purchasing for institutions is available once the first ten volumes are released. Each grouping is structured for thematic teaching and is suitable for STEM and engineering curriculum integration. For institutional inquiries, contact rights@cobypress.com.

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