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# Airport



## **Synopsis**

Byron Barton introduces young readers to the fun of the airport in this bold and colorful book. From the excitement of arrival to the wonder of taking off, *Airport* captures all the magic of an airport with joyous and powerful images and simple text. Perfect for fans of Richard Scarry and Tom Lichtenheld! Supports the Common Core State Standards.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

This time around Barton tackles a day in the life of a passenger plane traveler. We start out with passengers arriving at the airport and go through all the various activities that take place through take off. What happens to the luggage, getting the plane ready for take off, etc. are covered. A cross-section of a jet plane shows the various parts including toilet (which children think is hilarious) and also shows staff working to clean the plane before the passengers board. This would be a great book to read to a child who is preparing to travel by airplane. It would be great preparation to understand all that goes into preparing the plane, what is happening as the people are waiting to board, etc. It would also be a great book to take on the flight as entertainment, especially since it is a thin paperback and lightweight. Lots of people are in the airport and are of all ages and races. Barton also has a board book about planes which depicts different kinds of airplanes, titled

"Planes". "Airport" focuses just on jet passenger airplanes and the airport itself. If you enjoy this book I recommend Barton's other books as well. My baby loves this book, he must love the illustrations. My four year old loves the book for the content. We are frequent airplane travelers and we have made air travel an adventure, always discussing all that goes on and intentionally making it a real fun experience. It has been successful so far because we don't experience air travel stress with either of our children. Both look at a trip to the airport as an adventure in and of itself. This book gives us more opportunities to discuss flying when we are at home, in between trips. This is the only children's book I have ever seen that discusses airports and what goes on there. Great, a must have!

My 2 1/2 year old son loved this book so much when we checked it out at the library, that I had to buy him his own copy. The text is simple and easy for him to understand and the pictures are bright and simple, yet complete and accurate in their representation of a real airport experience. He has fun going through the book over and over again looking for new things, asking me what they are: the security checkpoint, the fuel truck, the jetbridge, the overhead luggage bins, the rolling stairs, the mechanics checking the airplane's engines. He has logged several hours of airtime traveling with our family, but is still fascinated with the airport every time he picks up this book.

I recommend this book to anyone traveling by air with children under 5. The illustrations and simple, age appropriate language completely explain the entire process of air travel to small children, from arrival at the airport to the actual flight. My 20 month old daughter recognized many scenes from the book at the airport. Because she knew what to expect, her fears were completely calmed, even during the loud take-offs and landings.

This book is exactly right for children ages 1-5 and the people who fly with them. It doesn't get too technical, and there's not an information overload. Instead it explains with gentle text and pictures exactly what happens from the time you get to the terminal until the plane takes off. It is great for answering "why aren't we moving, mommy?" and "what is that man doing to our plane?". I have given this book as a gift to many of my friends' children, and it is a well-thumbed favorite in every house.

My daughter, now 23 months, has loved this book since she was 14 months old. This book has made her even more fascinated with airplanes. When she sees an airplane she always points it out

and asks to go on an airplane. She asks for us to read this book daily (my husband and I have it memorized). The illustrations are wonderfully bright in color. The text is simple but written well for young children to understand the pictures. This is one book I don't mind reading everyday!

I'm taking my toddler on a plane trip in a few weeks and someone recommended this book to me as a way to help him prepare for the flight. It has large, beautiful pictures. My son really enjoys the illustrations and he's happy to help me narrate what's happening in the images. Unfortunately, the text of the book leaves much to be desired - it's extremely Spartan with no real rhythm to it. The way that they chose to split up the text on the pages is odd, too. My son's memorized a few of his funner books, and I don't think this is going to be one of them. It's just not fun to recite. The content covers arriving at the airport, waiting in the waiting room, loading the plane with luggage, boarding, and take off. Because it's an older book, there's no mention of the modern, unfortunate reality of security checkpoints. I'd like to familiarize my son with the process before we go through so he doesn't find it as daunting, but this is not the book to make that happen. A couple of extra pages at the end that modeled sitting patiently through the flight and the landing process might have been nice, too. As it is, the book doesn't serve well as preparation for young flyers, nor does it serve as an engaging story. The only real appeal is how large and colorful the images are. My son likes it, but we'll have to look elsewhere for ways to help him prepare for his upcoming trip.

I have a two year old son, and he loves this book. The pictures are great, the descriptions are easy for him to understand, and are short enough to hold his attention. All of Byron Barton's books are great, but this one is his fave rave!!!!!!!

We took our young boy with Learning Disabilities on his first airplane ride recently, and this book did an INCREDIBLE job of preparing him for the journey - I don't know what we would have done without it. The only drawback I can see to it is that there's nothing to explain the "inflight" part of the journey - which can be alleviated by another great book - The Noisy Airplane Ride - which covers the entire process of takeoff, flight and landing, but not really the airport. Buy both, I say.

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