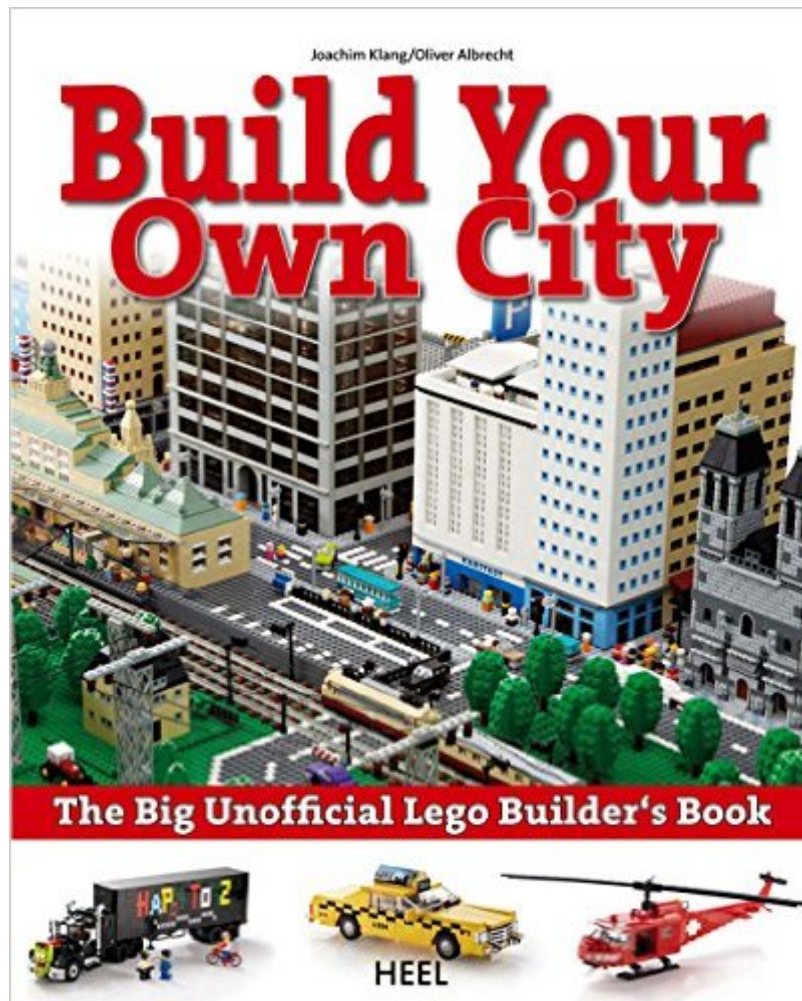


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# The Big Unofficial Lego Builder's Book: Build Your Own City



## Synopsis

Almost every kid's room has a LEGO® brick collection these days. Quite a few adults are also addicted to the colorful bricks and are delighted when their offspring inspire them to build something themselves. However, once the bricks end up in a box after tidying, the one thing that tends to be missing is what the two LEGO® experts Joachim Klang and Oliver Albrecht share in their extensive book: ideas! The authors provide a wealth of suggestions, from the principles of building mutable houses – by suggesting the addition of balconies, windows and rooftop variations, or by modifying the base areas – to how to design and construct an entire department store. Each model, from the smallest car to the most complex helicopter or truck, comes with detailed step-by-step construction guidance. Photographs with loving attention to detail illustrate how to bring an entire city to life by placing pedestrians, arranging trees, or by simply providing the inspiration to create one's own buildings or complete city blocks. After providing explanations and instructions for some advanced building techniques, the book introduces models in a mid-scale to offer quick success and the opportunity to build many models with only a few bricks. Advanced fans will also find themselves pleasantly challenged with five expressive professional models. Big and small, young and young at heart, this book is for all fans of the fascinating bricks that have been a special part of our lives for generations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Not only is the title of the book misleading, but the book description is incorrect. Please change the book description so that other people do not buy a product they weren't expecting. To all other potential buyers: this is a book mostly instructing the creation of vehicles, and mostly in midi scale ie tiny, micro, piccolo etc. Normal mini figures would not fit in this "city". As another reviewer mentioned, "what city???" I plan to return my first ever book.

"The Big Unofficial Lego Builder's Book Build Your Own City" is the title of this book. What a Disappointment! Build Your Own City? Every chapter shows pictures of beautiful buildings and well designed streets and infrastructure, yet, there are plans for only two structures. All of the plans are for various vehicles for transportation and construction. There is one plan for a tree, one for a house, and one for a department store. Nothing for infrastructure in the form of roads and bridges and buildings as seen in the illustrations. Where are the plans for the beautiful train station; for the banks and courthouse? How did you apply the windows made of grates in the photo of the Karstadt building? What good are a bunch of vehicles and a train without the city to drive around in? This book should have had the title, "The Big Unofficial Lego Builder's Book Build Your Own fleet of Vehicles."

This book should be called, "Build your own fleet of LEGO vehicles." The directions for each vehicle are very detailed, including a list of necessary parts. But the book only shows how to build two types of trees and two buildings - there's no mention of constructing streets, parks, other buildings, or that really cool Gothic church on the front of the book. So if you're looking to build vehicles, this is perfect. If you actually want to build a city, you'll need to look elsewhere.

Like others state, this book title is a big lie. Lots of fun mini cars, 1 large building, one tiny. Smallest city ever I guess?

Great layout, easy instructions but is for those looking to create lots of different vehicles. Of the 400 pages only 55 give instruction on the building of structures. The book cover and pictures are misleading as there is no mention of the various buildings within the book...only the department store and house. My little boy wanted to build a city (as the title eludes to) but was very upset when he opened the book and discovered no instructions to do so. I encouraged him to use the basics provided in the book but I think his disappointment inhibited any chance of creativity. Again, great book for someone that wants to build a lot of different vehicles. Should have been titled 'Build Your Own Vehicles' and we never would have purchased...being returned.

I see many people complaining that there are too many vehicles. It does have many vehicle types in the book. I have also seen people criticize that minifigs won't fit. If one is building a whole city, you would need lots of Lego and space to build it to minifig scale. Micro scale is the way to go. This is one of the first books dedicated to micro scale, and the book is great. Now about the lack of buildings? 1) How much diversity is there in the buildings in a city? If you squint the diversity is in scale, color, number of floors, types of external decoration. In this book you should be able to take the two designs and create a great many buildings from it. What really makes a city a city is what the city contains and much of the actual diversity is in the vehicles you see. You get a train, dump truck, different consumer cars. You even get 2 types of trees. The book is full of beautiful color pictures, great instructions. He gives you good information regarding building at this scale. I personally can't wait for the next book from them.

I am very disappointed in my purchase. This book gives only two options for buildings, the book is about building vehicles.

In the years since my son started with Legos, we've moved a few times, he's lost all of his directions and kits have become, well, large disassembled piles of Legos. This book has helped "bring the Lego back" for our teenage son.

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