

Tunnel Books

(Peep Show Book)



Tunnel Books are made up of various frames/pages that are held together by folded strips of paper on each side.

In fact, the sides of the book might make you think of an accordion.



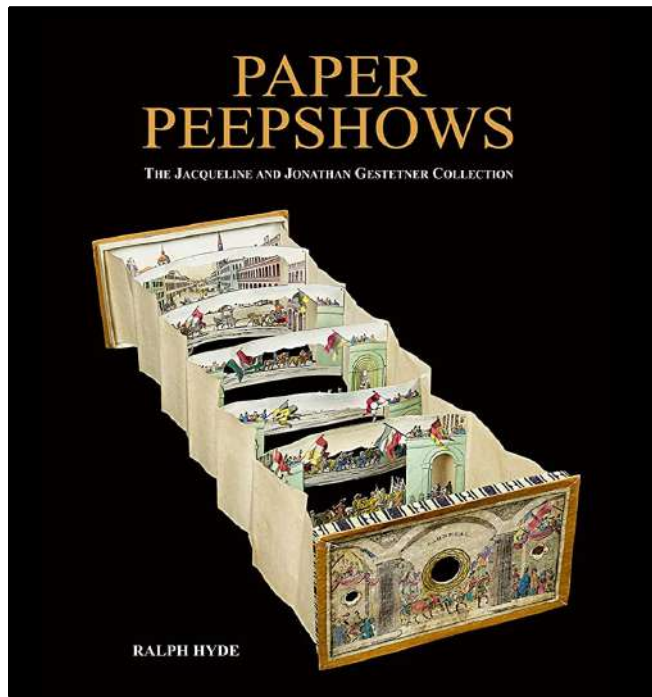
The overall effect is an illusion of depth & perspective.

How do you “read” a tunnel book?

You look through a hole in the front cover.

Each page features openings that allow the reader to see through to the background page.

The images on each page work together to form a 3-D scene to tell a story.



A **Tunnel Book** is a three-dimensional (3-D) movable book that you read by looking right through the middle of it.

Tunnel Books were from the mid-18th century. They were originally called “peep shows.”

The concept was inspired by theatrical stage sets.

Have you ever seen a live play with movable set pieces?

If so, you may understand how they inspired tunnel books.

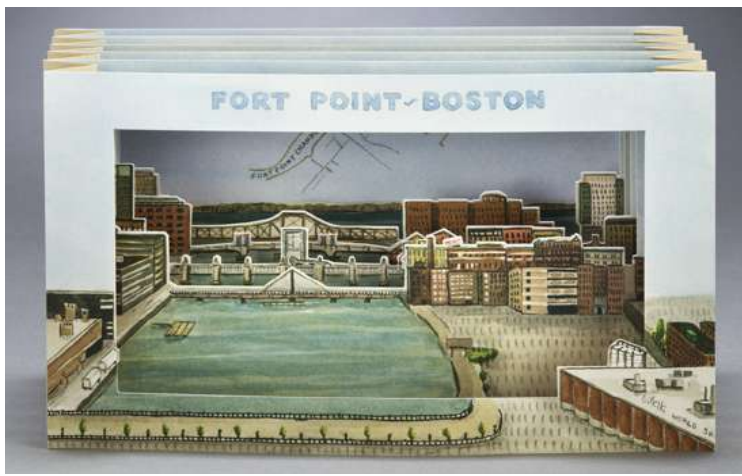


Where did the name “**tunnel book**” come from?

Many of these types of books were created to celebrate the building of the tunnel under the Thames River in London in the mid-19th century.

The name, “**tunnel book**,” may have come from this.





Throughout history, tunnel books have often been used to commemorate certain events.

They've also often been sold as souvenirs at tourist attractions.

Today, tunnel books have a renewed popularity as an art form.



Tunnel books are still made today.

Artist Carol Barton creates modern tunnel books that are very popular.

Carol Barton teaches classes in making pop-ups and artist's books for both children and adults. She offers one- and two-day workshops and week-long classes at art centers and schools across the United States.

Some artists have taken tunnel books to the next level.

They turn their accordion sides and front and back covers into canvases for additional artwork.



by Carol Barton
Tunnel Map, silkscreened tunnel book, edition of 150, printed at Women's Studio Workshop



by Carol Barton
Loom, offset tunnel book, edition of 600, printed at Pyramid Atlantic Center



What kinds of stories would lend themselves well to a tunnel book?

Example:

“Alice and Wonderland”

Give it some thought!!!

Talk to your Table Partner

Joggles Fans, Leigh Snaith-Brunton here and I'm about to take you down the rabbit hole again on a fun new “Alice in Wonderland adventure!”

Brainstorm ideas for
a tunnel book from:

Movies

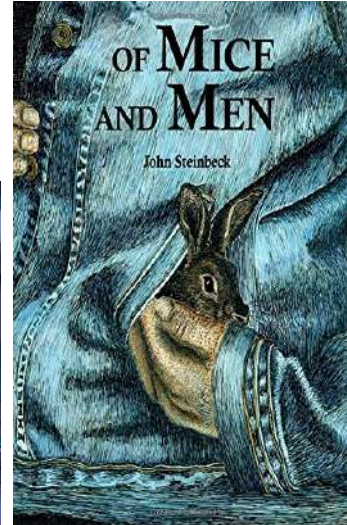
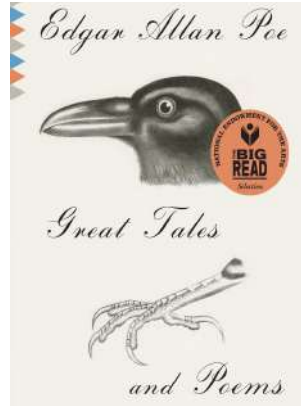
TV Show

Book

Poem

Real Life

Imaginary



Planning of the Tunnel Book

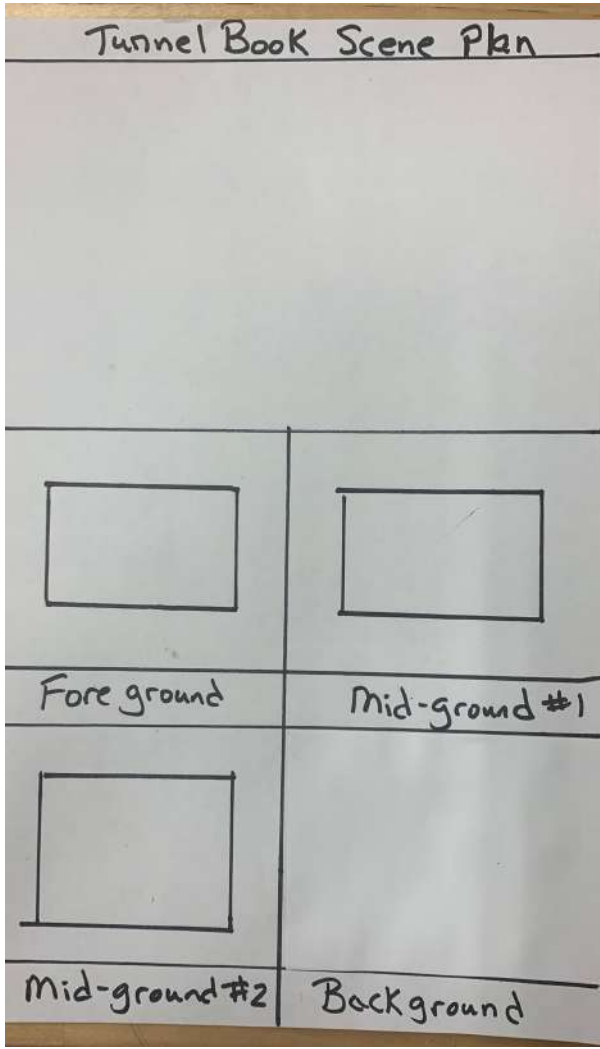
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2. There needs to be a clear theme, based on your “story.”
3. Brainstorm and sketch out your idea for the "story"
4. The “Story needs to include at least
 - a. 2 character (human, animal or creature)
 - b. 3 or more setting details
 - c. a detailed background.

...Continue Planning of the Tunnel Book

5. Distribute the above images within each frame
 - a. a foreground frame
 - b. two middle ground frames
 - c. a solid (and more detailed) background.
6. Use each frames to tell your story by spreading out your images and details for best composition and viewing.

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 - e. Mid-ground #1 (front) frame (Minimum of 2 images/details)
 - f. Mid-ground #2 (back) (Minimum of 2 images/details)
 - g. a solid detailed background. (Minimum of 5 images)
6. Use each frames to tell your story by spreading out your images and details for best composition and viewing.



Creating your Tunnel Book

1. Once you have your design plan drawn out on 9"x12" white paper for your Tunnel book get it approved by teacher
1. Start developing your frames with your "story" images
1. Once all images have been drawn and colored attach them to your frames.
1. Folded up construction paper (in an accordion style).

...Continue Creating your Tunnel Book

5. Add any images or design elements you want to the accordions
6. Evenly distributed each frame between the accordions by attach each accordion (glue the accordion folds to the back of each frame (for aesthetics))
7. Make sure the last accordion folds so that it will be able to wrap around the background page.



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Make a Tunnel Book

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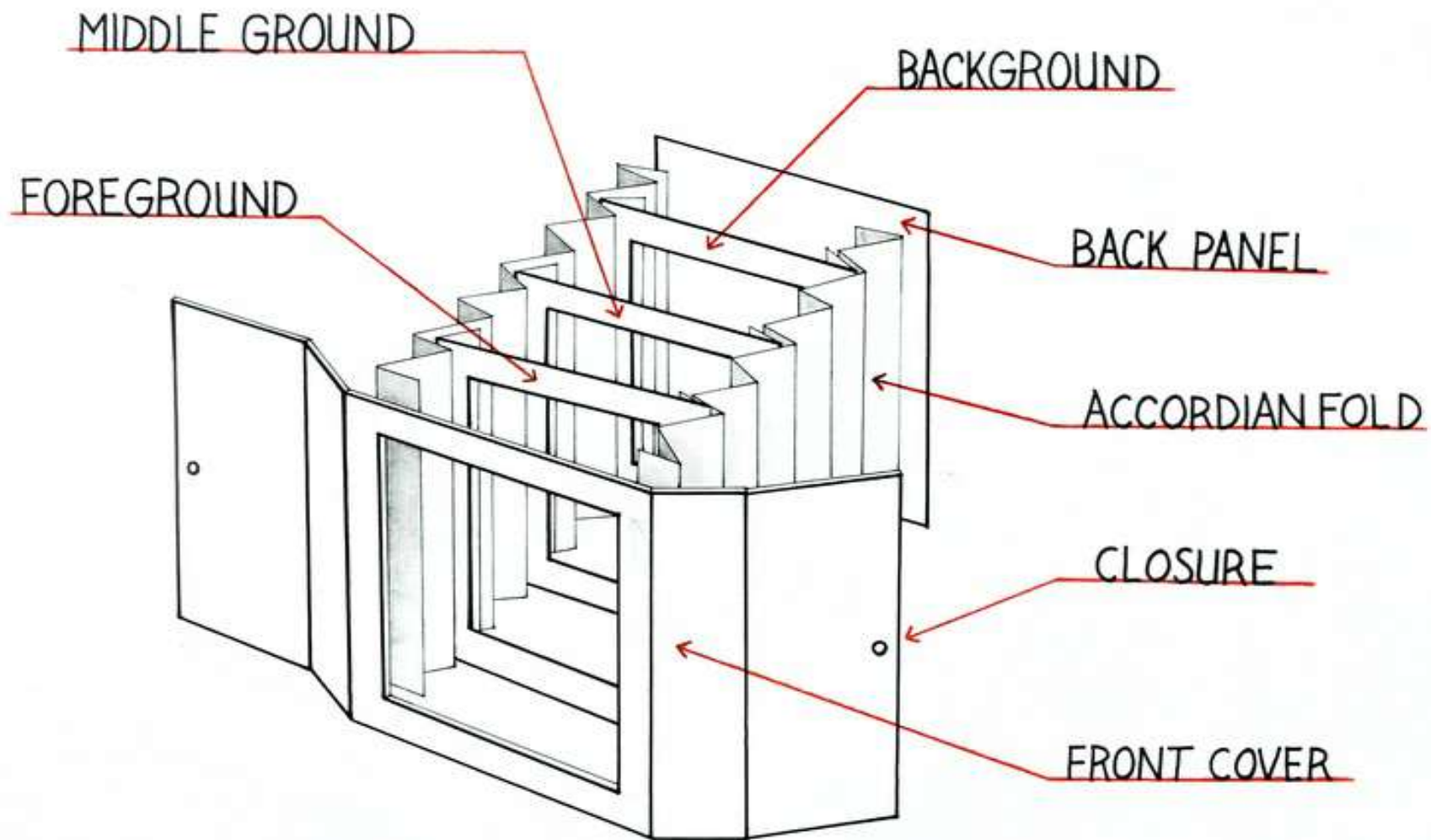
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Tunnel Books Examples

