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Pienkowski's picture books (**Meg and Mog**, etc.) with their brightly coloured, boldly outlined pictures, are models of clarity and simplicity.

These three pop-up titles are in this same style but with paper engineering to add movement to the pictures. There is nothing complicated about the mechanics -just opening the page will cause the boat to rock in the waves or the space shuttle to take off - so the usual disappointments of broken tabs or sticking levers are avoided.

A variety of boats and trucks is explored in two of the books - the children in my school especially liked the breakdown truck which really lifts the car being towed - but **Planes** is rather a misnomer since it includes a hot air balloon, a helicopter and the space shuttle -perhaps flying machines would have been a better title. Whatever, these are excellent and entertaining books for toddlers learning to name things and thoroughly recommended for Nursery and Reception children too.

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