

BIG & AWESOME BRIDGES

of PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER
A BOOK FOR YOUNG READERS

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Hi, I'm The Bridge Lady, your guide to big & awesome bridges!

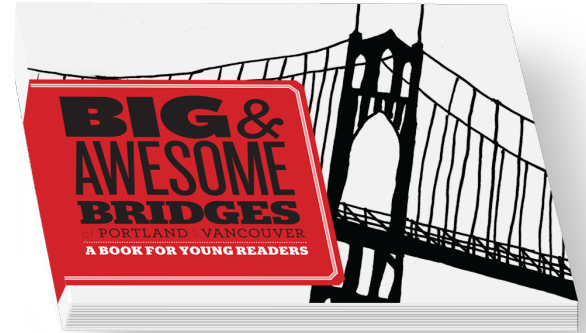
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The Bridge Lady tells her once-upon-a-time story, and then guides young readers to 19 bridges across and near the lower Willamette and Columbia rivers. Included in the path of discovery are four bridges for walkers and bikers: the Eastbank Esplanade floating bridge, the Portland Aerial Tram, the new Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge, and the Vancouver Land Bridge. Visit arch, suspension, and beam/truss bridges. Bridges that swing, lift vertically, and bascule. Bridges with all kinds of talent and personality.



- Bridge in a Box™ truss bridge building activity with patterns and step-by-step how-to-build and how-to-test instructions
- A chapter for each bridge includes photographs, general history, technical details, sources of the bridge's name, info about the engineers and builders, and neighborhood landmarks
- Site visits with The Bridge Lady (where to go and what to see), with simple maps
- Mini-profiles of Portland and Vancouver and the Willamette and Columbia rivers
- Interviews with a bridge operator, an urban bird expert, and an engineer
- Math building activity using bridges to determine mean, median, mode, and range
- Extensive glossary with simplified engineering terms
- Timeline, bibliography, and index