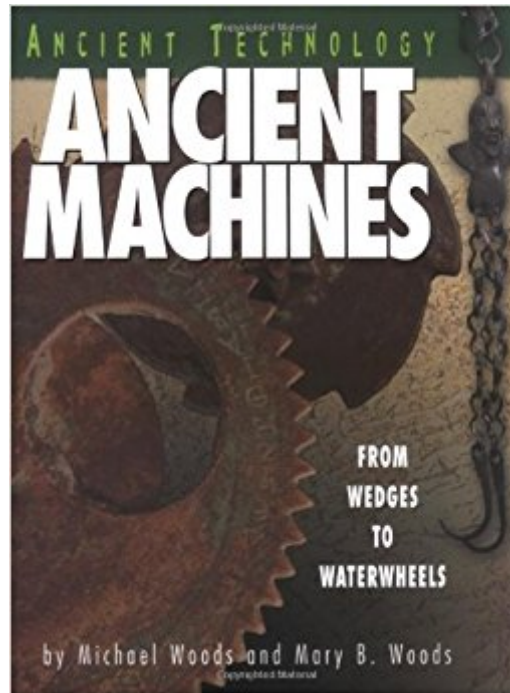




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# Ancient Machines: From Wedges To Waterwheels (Ancient Technology)



## Synopsis

Discusses the invention of six simple machines in various ancient civilizations from the Stone Age to the fall of the Roman Empire.

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Gr 5-8-These titles will be appreciated by both report writers and leisure readers. Both books approach their subject by culture and/or period, covering the Stone Age, Middle East, Egypt, China, Greece, and Rome. In the first, Woods discusses the invention and use of six simple machines, establishing a connection between ancient and current technology. Full-color photographs and drawings depict artifacts, sites, and some different mechanisms. The second book traces the development of methods of transportation and conveys the technological sophistication of ancient peoples. The text, which is livelier than that in *Machines*, features fascinating descriptions of the process of inventing with conjectures on what an early human might have observed and adapted. Some of the ingenious conveyances described will amaze readers. The authors allude to the migration of technologies across cultures, including the suggestion that the wheel was only invented once. Crisp, vibrant photographs of artifacts add to the strong visual appeal. Both volumes incorporate a few contemporary quotes and provide background information through sidebars. The

writing and illustrations give these books an edge over the "Science of the Past" series (Watts), which covers the same ground for a slightly younger audience.-Colleen M. Zeitz, Lincoln School, Providence, RI Copyright 2000 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

I was disappointed in this book. It's very thin and has only basic information for children, although the explanations are pretty clear. There are 83 pages of larger type--not including the glossary and index.

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THIS BOOK IS AWESOME! I loved it. Mary and Michal Woods did a bomb job. I loved learning about ancient machines. How the pulley, wedge, lever came from as late as the stone age. Ancient people are not as primitive as I thought.

This is a perfect and fascinating book for children and their parents too. My grandchildren will be getting this for Christmas.

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