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## **No Starch Press releases Forbidden LEGO®: Building instructions for LEGO models that break the LEGO rules**

**July 10, 2007, San Francisco**--It just may be impossible to exhaust the creative potential of LEGO bricks. When LEGO builders use their imagination, the possibilities are endless. But the LEGO Company has its official (and sensible) rules for building that include no cutting or tampering with bricks, creating models that shoot unapproved projectiles, or using non-standard parts. Well, toss those rules out the window.

**Forbidden Lego** (No Starch Press, August 2007, \$24.95, ISBN 9781593271374), the latest from geek publisher No Starch Press, introduces LEGO geeks (and their kids) to the type of free-style building that LEGO's master builders do for fun in the back room. According to No Starch Press Publisher Bill Pollock (who seems to enjoy breaking the rules), "This is really fun stuff; much more interesting than building a cute little house. Like how to combine bricks with rubber bands, glue, plastic spoons, and ping-pong balls to build a gun or a catapult. Wheee!"

Readers can try their hand at making

- A toy gun that shoots LEGO plates
- A catapult that fires candy
- A continuous-fire ping-pong ball launcher
- A high velocity paper airplane launcher
- And other useless but incredibly fun inventions

Once readers get into the spirit, they'll want to try inventing their own rule-breaking models. **Forbidden Lego's** authors, a former LEGO senior designer, and development director, share tips and tricks that will help rule-breaking LEGO builders turn their visions into reality. Nothing's against the rules in this book!

### **Additional Resources:**

Table of Contents: [www.nostarch.com/flego\\_toc.htm](http://www.nostarch.com/flego_toc.htm)

Excerpt: Paper Plan Launcher [http://www.nostarch.com/download/flego\\_sample.pdf](http://www.nostarch.com/download/flego_sample.pdf)

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**Forbidden LEGO: Build the Models Your Parents Warned You Against!**

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