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6 About 3000 years ago ...

People travel along rough tracks in carts drawn by their animals.

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Chariots, ox wagons and legions of Roman soldiers all cross the river by a sturdy bridge.

10 About 1300 years later ...

Down by the waterfront a trading ship, called a cog, has just moored.

12 About 400 years later ...

Terror strikes! Arab pirates have sailed north in their sleek, fast galleys in search of slaves.

14 About 125 years later ...

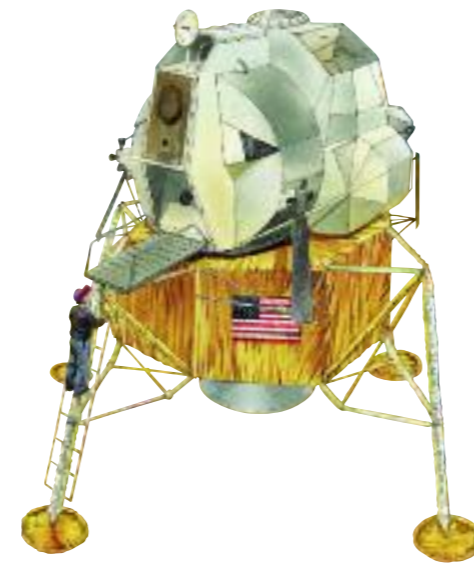
While ships load up with cargo, carriages of all kinds stream along the quayside road.

16 About 25 years later ...

The railway, complete with steam locomotives, has come to the port.

18 About 45 years later ...

Among all the various vehicles on the busy streets are just a few jerky, noisy, petrol-driven motor cars.



20 Fifteen years later ...

A huge ocean liner waits at the quayside. A small monoplane flies over the ship's funnels.

22 Nearly 30 years later ...

Cars and vans fill the busy streets of the city. Trams run along rails set into the road. An airliner, designed to carry mail and 20 or 30 passengers, flies overhead.

24 Twenty years later ...

An airport has been built outside the city and airliners take off and land using its long runway.

26 A few years ago ...

A suspension bridge has been built. It carries both road vehicles and high-speed trains.

28 Today

We are inside the city's Museum of Transport. Through its collection of vehicles it tells the story of transport through the ages.

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Introduction

Imagine you are somewhere in Europe, not far from the coast, thousands of years ago. Ox carts rumble along dirt tracks. Out to sea, a small sailing ship cuts through the waves. As the years go by, roads and bridges are built. A small quay is constructed, allowing ships to moor in the harbour. Gradually, people are able to travel farther, faster and in greater comfort.

The story told in this book is like a journey. It is not a journey you can make by plane, car or ship. In fact, you don't have to go anywhere at all. You are about to travel through *time*. With each turn of the page, the date moves forward a few years or even centuries. Each new date—each stop on your journey—is like a chapter in the story. The first carts and carriages, early sailing ships, the building of canals and railways, the invention of steam engines and the first steam locomotives and steamships, the arrival of petrol-driven cars and the conquest of the skies by aircraft, the building of docks, an airport and a suspension bridge—all tell the story of transport.



Look out for the pair of lovers. They appear in all of the illustrations, although sometimes they are quite difficult to spot.

Use this thumb index to travel through time! Just find the page you want to see and flip it open. This way you can make a quick comparison between one scene and another, even though some show events that took place many years apart. A little black arrow on the page points to the time of the scene illustrated on that page.



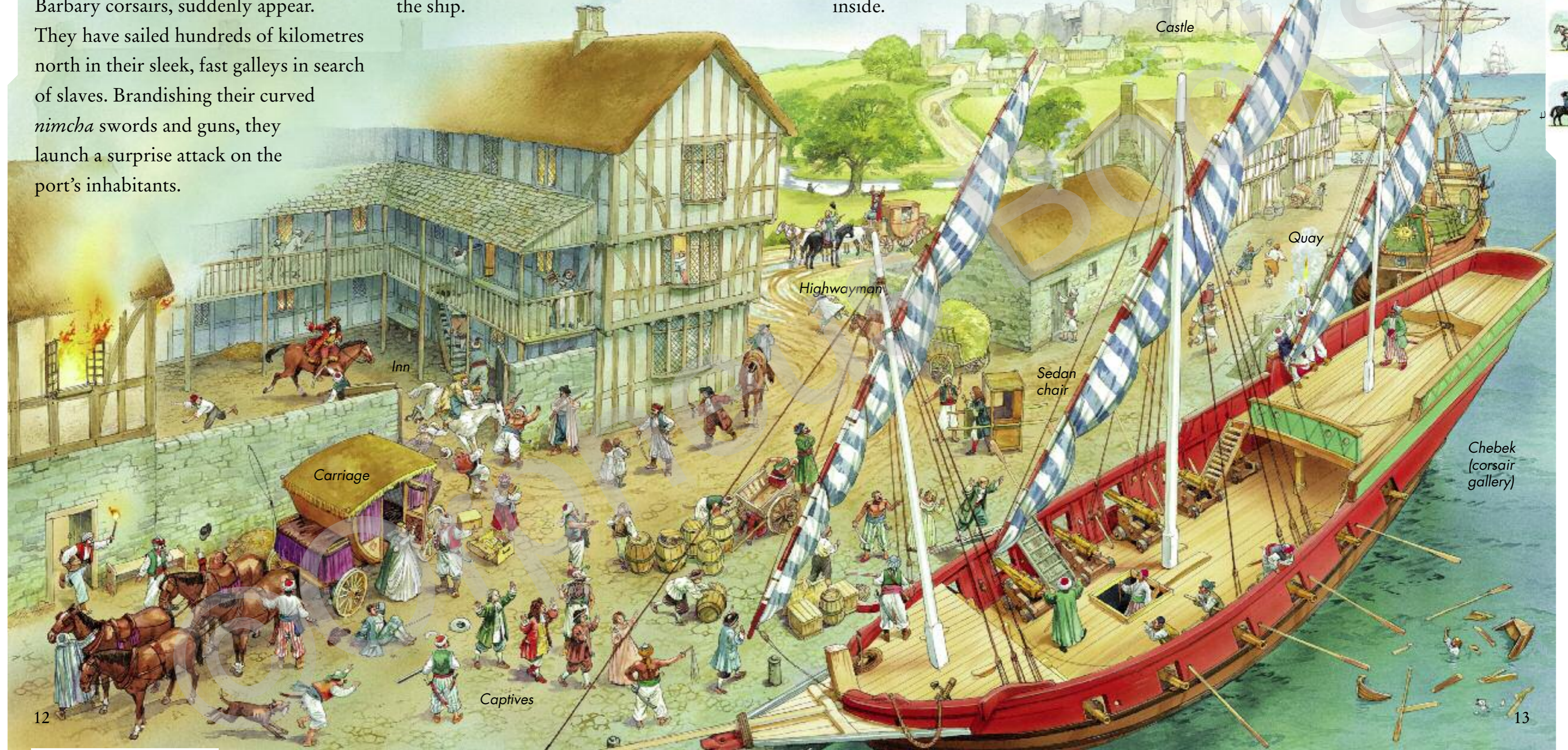
In the 16th century, Spanish treasure ships, called galleons, sailed to and from the Americas, carrying gold and silver.

About 400 years later ...

Terror strikes! Arab pirates from the northern coast of Africa, known as Barbary corsairs, suddenly appear. They have sailed hundreds of kilometres north in their sleek, fast galleys in search of slaves. Brandishing their curved *nimcha* swords and guns, they launch a surprise attack on the port's inhabitants.

Nobody is safe from the corsairs. Wealthy men and women travelling in their fine horse-drawn coaches or sedan chairs are seized and led towards the ship.

While the corsairs ransack the harbour, a carriage has been stopped by a highwayman carrying a pistol. He demands money from the people inside.



1000 BC



AD 1



1300



1700