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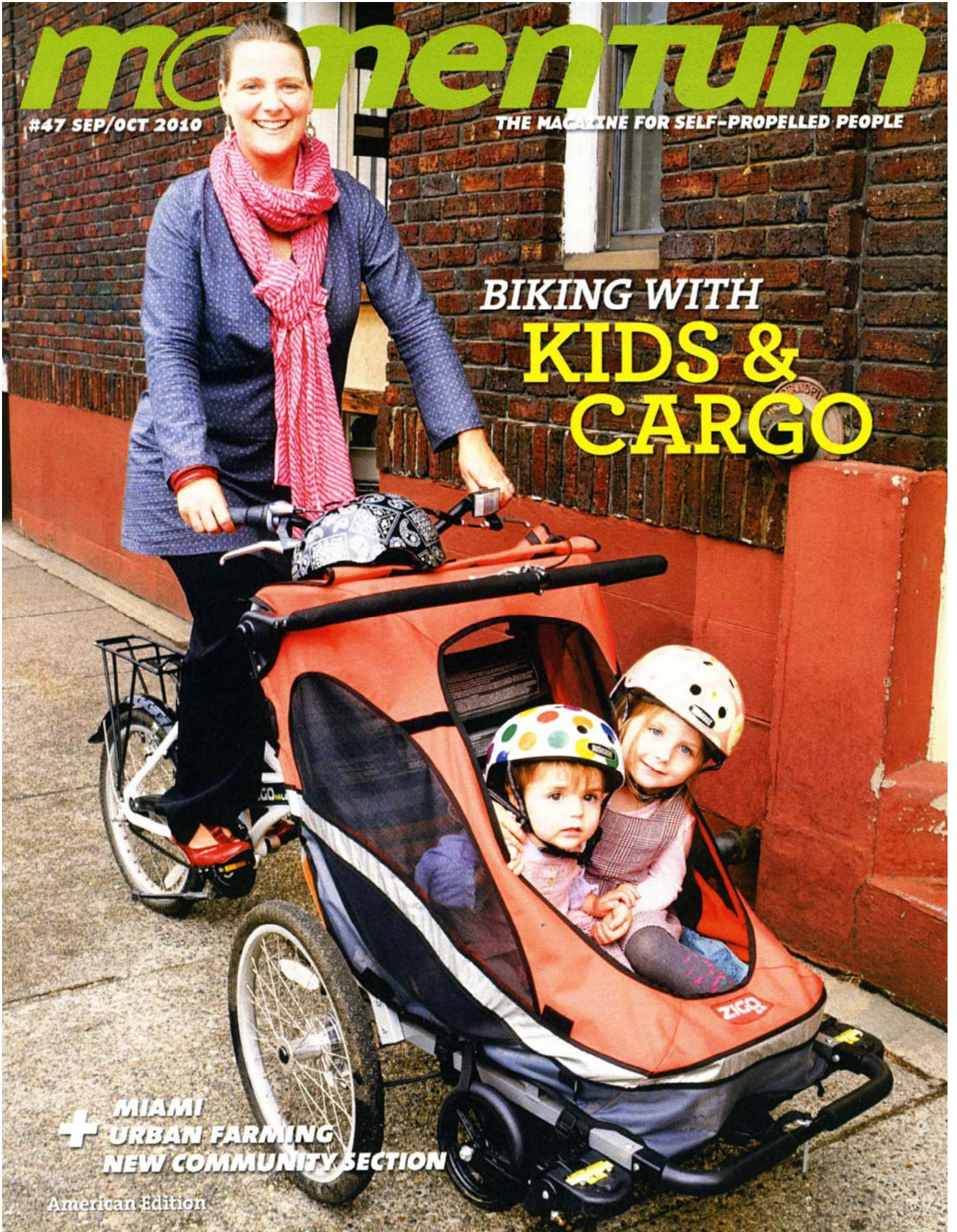
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## BIKING WITH KIDS & CARGO

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## GEAR



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### Chariot Cougar Bike Trailer

MSRP \$524.95 USD

REVIEWED BY JONATHAN REYNOLDS

Combining a sleek bike trailer (with adjustable suspension) with a stroller makes this a deluxe ride for your child. The Cougar includes safety features – such as a roll bar system and a five-point harness – that stood up to a significant amount of abuse. We tested its load-bearing ability to well over its rating and it is still performing flawlessly. The hitch mount switches easily between bikes (we have tried it on over 10 bikes now) and the trailer rolls so smoothly it is almost possible to forget it's there – until you get to a hill. The oversized wheels can make it a challenge to pack up, but with the optional storage/ shipping bag, it folds down and stores easily. There's only one problem: the location and usability of the brake. If you have anything in the luggage area, the brake is difficult to use. [chariotcarriers.com](http://chariotcarriers.com)

Editor's choice: ★★★★★  
 Overall rating: ★★★★★  
 Value: ★★★★★  
 Style Points: ★★★★★  
 Quality/ Durability: ★★★★★



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### Zigo Leader 7spd X2

MSRP \$1550 USD/ \$1703 CAD

REVIEWED BY TANIA LO

The Zigo Leader X2 is super stable and, with its seven-speed internal gears, anyone can get on this bike and ride with their child – though you won't be going anywhere fast. The front detaches and turns into a stroller when you flip the front wheels down, which is great because, invariably, most kids fall asleep on the ride. It is also possible for the 20" wheel bike, minus the stroller, to be ridden on its own. Some other quick points: the upright sitting position enhances your visibility; the bike stops quickly due to a drum brake in the front; and

the Zigo comes with a back fender, safety flag and bi-pod kickstand. I highly recommend the seven-speed if there are any hills where you live. I would also make sure you leave the bike store with a back rack, front and back lights and a bell. Though it is a wide load it does fit through a standard doorway – something some double bike trailers will not do easily. [myzigo.com](http://myzigo.com)

Overall rating: ★★★★★  
 Value: ★★★★★  
 Style Points: ★★★★★  
 Quality/Durability: ★★★★★

### Gazelle Cabby

MSRP \$2499 USD

REVIEWED BY JONATHAN REYNOLDS

This three-meter-long bike is a great cargo or kid hauler as long as there are no steep hills and you are not riding huge distances. We did manage to do a few 30 to 40 kilometer runs with my son in the bike box, but it was tougher than when pulling a trailer. The unique feature of this cargo bike is the way the box folds up and allows you to roll it through a standard doorway – something not possible with a normal box bike. It made it possible for us to roll the bike inside for

storage and, in a few cases, fit through traffic barriers that would have been a bit too narrow for full-width box bikes. At 38 kilograms, it is not a light bike but it will carry up to 200 kg comfortably. I found that the handling was smooth regardless of whether the box was fully loaded or empty and folded. [gazellebicycles.us](http://gazellebicycles.us)

Overall rating: ★★★★★  
 Value: ★★★  
 Style Points: ★★★★★  
 Quality/ Durability: ★★★★★



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