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National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book Of Why (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)



Synopsis

Linking to a popular feature in the super successful National Geographic Little Kids magazine, this book brings the browsable fun of the bestselling National Geographic Kids Almanac, to a new audience: preschoolers! Using an interactive question-and-answer format and content grounded in a child's immediate world, the Big Book of Why delivers lively information, hands-on games, simple recipes, crafts, and more. What makes a car go? How does mushy dough become a crispy cookie? What does the doctor see in my throat? An essential parent reference, The Big Book of Why invites children to ask big questions, think big thoughts, and get answers that are accurate, engaging, level-appropriate, and based on sound educational findings. It helps prepare preschoolers for school in an interactive way—the very best way to foster learning at this age, according to research. Highly photographic and playful, this big book is an adventure in exploration.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why may be intended for preschool (precocious little ones, certainly), but I would say that it's not at all too simple for ages 6-10. In fact, it will pique curiosity and engage 1st - 3rd graders until they are ready for the almanac put out by National

Geographic Kids. I love the format, the very questions your curious child asks and the clear, enthusiastic explanations. In no time you will have a little professor on your hands amazing you with his/her new expertise. - Biblio Reads Children's Book Review

It's not perfect but has tons of content. One of the reviews said it has misinformation because it classifies humans as "carnivores", but some recent studies have classified humans as such "based on the percentage of meat in the typical human diet". See:

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2012/04/20/150817741/for-most-of-human-history-being-an-omnivore-was-no-dilemma> Another negative review said the information is shallow and gave this example: "Some question do not even have answers like this one, 'why some animals are big and some are small?' the answer 'life happens everywhere it can on this amazing planet. life comes in every size, shape and color' ? what kind of answer is that?" Well, I think is a very good answer for the audience the book is intended for. Why are some animals big and others small? Because there are all kinds of animals in the world, some big and some small. I think it's a perfectly valid answer. If your kid needs more information you can teach him about evolution for an hour if you want. You have to understand the purpose of this book is having a lot of questions and a lot of content. If they start going deeper into answers then that means less content. I rather have more questions with simple answers than a few questions with 3 pages of an answer. Finally, another reviewer seems to be confusing this book for something else and tries to show the "inaccuracies" but only comes off as a trying to display his knowledge of things. We get it, you know how to use wikipedia, guess what? This is a book for "KIDS", if you want to show off how much you know why don't you review a PHD book on physics? This is a great book with tons of content and my kid loves it. It's not perfect, but that's why you're there as a parent.

This book is so fun, so fresh, so colorful, and so jam-packed with helpful information. I find that this group of National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books (Animals, Why, and Dinos) does "reference" for preschoolers in a way that really respects their need for information, while still keeping the books lively and on level. We love them all, and my kids could pore over this book for hours, especially the funny Why Not pages, where they can identify what's wrong with the picture. I learned a lot too. Now I know why skin wrinkles in the tub!

I got the book from the library to decide whether or not get it for my 3, and 6 years boys. On the first look, I was really delighted by the fonts, pictures and the whole layout of the book, but when I

started reading it I was really disappointed. The information is very shallow, could have gone much deeper. Some questions don't even have answers like this one, " why some animals are big and some are small?" the answer " life happens everywhere it can on this amazing planet. life comes in every size, shape and color" ???!! what kind of answer is that? nothing about life cycle, food chain, adaptation?! Another issue I have with this book is that in many pages the text would be expressed by a better pictures than the ones placed. For example, " why do we have belly button?" I felt that page should have a photo of a baby in a uterus with umbilical cord coming out of his tummy, would have explained the text in a better way. The book has some nice things though. I liked how in every section there is some sort of an activity or an experiment for the little ones to try out " funnel phones, bubble making, floating test". Also after each section, there is a page of " Why not" of things that CAN'T be like this, which my boys really liked. Overall, the books fails its educational purpose for me, but still nice entertainment from a scientific scope.

My 5yr old boy love this book. He has so many questions about everything and this book has answered some of them. The design is nice and the colour is bold. Must have for curious kids with brain :)

My kids' grandparents gave them this book. One of the first sections we read what "what's special about me?" In listing information about humans, such as type of animal (mammal), species (Homo sapien), it then says "Food - Carnivore". No, humans are omnivores. That may be a minor distinction to you, but it was a sign to me that the book is sloppily edited. I haven't read much of the rest, as I'm wary of more incorrect information in a book that is supposed to help me teach my kids about the world. I guess just read it with your kids if you want to be sure they are getting correct information!

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