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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

“Highly photographic and playful, this big book is an adventure in exploration and will make long car rides seem like a quick trip around the corner!”
—Woman of Many Roles

Amy Shields is a longtime editor of National Geographic books who is known for her work in children's literature. She has written several popular titles, including Little Kids First Big Book of Why and numerous installments for the National Geographic Readers series. Shields lives in upstate New York with her beloved dogs, Jenny and Toby.

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 questions 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 disappointing compared to the others in the series. Many of the entries are more about "how" than "why", although the topics are mostly of interest to children (and/or their parents) as well: things such as why we need to eat vegetables or brush teeth support what parents are saying, and topics like bubbles, animals, and why we look different are great for curious children. The thing that irks me most about this book is the "what's wrong" spread at the end of each chapter. I would expect National Geographic to be able to manipulate photos better, but it is just a random

assortment of crazy things that don't belong. I find it horribly irritating, but to be fair, my 5yo enjoys it. All in all, it's an okay book, but not their best. It wouldn't be on the top of my list.

Awesome book !!! Great to read or to just open up and go from there. You and your child will enjoy...
! Very Bright Colors ! Text is short and to the point ! Wish I had these in 99... Fast shipping!

What , why , how - these are the basic questions of a curious mind and for a curious little mind the big question is why. National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why is very much successful in answering this big question of a small word why. This book is of a big size with a hard cover. Paper material is of very good quality so that when a child turns the page rapidly they do not tear off. The book is made for a child in real sense. The answers to each why is given in such an easy manner that a child can easily get the answers to his/her why. An answer to a why question can be given in two ways 1) theoretically 2) practically - This book adopts the way of giving practical answers in a very simple manner without losing any important theoretical fact. I really miss this book as my childhood book of knowledge. This book gives all the answers in such a nice and simple way that it has become my 3 year old daughter's most favorite friend and guide. Each why question and its answers is described with beautiful colorful pictures so that knowledge becomes accurate and practical in real sense. Not only the answers are given, in some sections there are also some exercises where a child can apply his knowledge which he/she has gained from the previous topics. My daughter and we really love National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why and after finishing this one we will be interested in buying other books of National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book .

Beautifully illustrated and very factual and informative. It is not babyish in that I learned quite a lot reading the book as well. My only complaint is that the pages are stuck singly and the book is falling apart ... not due to misuse but little hands will turn the pages with enthusiasm. I am in the process of sticking each page back ...

Not as interesting as the space book by the same publisher.

I bought this for my six year old grandson and he absolutely adores it. It covers many topics of interest to him and presents it in a way that is easy for him to understand. A good purchase.

I bought this book as a Christmas gift for my seven year old nephew. He had already received more than a few wonderful presents, but when he took out this book along with "Little Kids First Big Book of Space" that was it! He had someone reading to him for the next few hours and he was looking up additional facts and information on google. He quizzed the rest of the family on the new information all through Christmas dinner so we all learned some new science facts. This book is excellent. The information is easy to understand and the pictures are terrific. These are large books, they are large size and they have a lot of pages. This book is an excellent value.

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