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Car Science



Synopsis

Physics comes alive when it's unveiled beneath the hood of the coolest, fastest science book around. Written in a no-nonsense style, this user-friendly science book features kids' favorite cars and contains experiments that readers can try at home. Full color.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

Richard Hammond loves cars and science. As the author of *Can You Feel the Force?*, co-host of one British television show about cars (*Top Gear*) and the host of another about science (*Brainiac*), his dreams come true on a daily basis. His passion for learning has also taken him around the world in search of the Holy Grail (he didn't find it) for British television. He is married with two children.

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Leave it to DK Publishing (of Eyewitness Books fame) to create something this cool! Yes, it's the one boys ages 7-13 have been waiting for: a reader-friendly book about cars. *Car Science* is divided into four sections. The first is Power. My favorite spread in this section is "Making gasoline," but the part about gears is also fascinating, as is "Bugatti Veyron," about a car with 1001-horsepower, which means it can go from 249 mph to a stop in under 10 seconds. Section 2 is Speed. It begins with a colorful chart comparing the speeds of different animals and vehicles, from a

snail's .03 mph to the Thrust SSC's land-speed record of 763 mph. I also liked finding out how something as odd as a boxfish could give designers an idea for the shape of a car in "Inspired by Nature." Section 3 addresses Handling. My favorite spread title here is "Wall of Death," with "Monster Trucks" and "Car-crash Science" tied for second. Section 4, Technology, starts off by explaining what cars are made of, moving on to topics like scuba cars before ending happily with "Top 10 Crazy Ideas." Car Science is written at about a 3rd grade level, but its appeal is much broader. The book serves as an alluring introduction to understanding how cars work. My only request is that someone now write a book explaining cars and their engines in more detail, perhaps at a 6th-8th grade level. (The next one "up" I found was for high schoolers and adults.) In the meantime, boys--and girls--should take a look at this fast, shiny sports car of a book. VROOM! VROOM!

Well written, beautiful images that really explain how cars work. My son devours it daily. Never seen a better book to explain engines and cars in general.

My child and I love reading this book together. So happy to share this topic with the baby. Great info and wonderful illustrations.

Really well done book, bought for a car-crazy girl.

Bought this for my nephew at Christmas and he read it back to front on the day he received it.

Previously bought for my nephew. Not sure if he ever read it, though. Bought it again when my girlfriend got a job at an manufacturer of after-market performance car parts, and it helped her immensely.

Our grandson although only 3 1/2 years old, loves cars, trucks, huge pieces of machinery and this book suited him perfectly. Once he can read on his own, he will be more impressed.

very fun. informative and so many photos!

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