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The Illuminating World Of Light With Max Axiom, Super Scientist (Graphic Science)



Synopsis

Follows the adventures of Max Axiom as he explains the science behind light. Written in graphic-novel format.

Book Information

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Series: Graphic Science

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Age Range: 8 - 14 years

Grade Level: 3 - 4

Customer Reviews

Winner of the 2008 Teachers' Choice Award for Children's Books --Learning Magazine, September 2007
Solid science and decent graphic-novel style illustrations are the basis for the series. In Forces and Motion, to represent motion, some of the illustrations are blurred which may be off-putting to some. The More About section of each book sums up the topic. Inset boxes address vocabulary, interesting facts, and famous people. Web sites are accessed through FactHound. The action and story line are easy-to-follow, even for those not raised on graphic novels. These should be a welcome addition to a collection and will be enjoyed by students who like graphic formats, science, and ESOL and Special Education populations. Bibliography. Glossary. Index. Recommended. --Library Media Connection; Vol. 26, No. 2; Page 88, October 2007
Finalist of the 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award --Association of Educational Publishers, June 2007

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The idea of these books is great, but they need to make the book longer with more of a plot so that children have time to get into the adventure and learn the information.

I like the Max Axiom books. The info is clear and the comic book approach is a winner with visual learners. To be clear, these are nonfiction and they cut right to the chase. Too often authors try to cram everything about a subject in and lose the kids to boredom in the process. These offer the right amount of info as a jumping off point to some hands on exploration. I gave them 4 stars because the paperback binding won't stand up to a ton of uses. You may want to opt for the hardback binding which is a bit pricey. Not enough of a flaw to miss the books for, if your kids like comics. I checked one out at the library and was suitably impressed to buy our own.

I purchased the entire series of these books for my first grader son after he found one at the local library. They are an easy to read graphic novel format with the same look as superhero comics. Using bright colors, action scenes and simple language they explain some basic scientific concepts in a way that children can not only understand but enjoy. As I hoped they got my son interested in knowing more about the topics. Definitely worth the money and fun to read even for adults unfamiliar with the topics themselves.

I bought this book to use with my 3 rd grade class and used it in a small group setting as part of a unit on light. They were immediately excited by the bright and vivid illustrations. They were so excited to learn about the light-related phenomena included in this book (shadows, reflection, refraction, and the spectrum. This a great book. The content is clear and difficult concepts are well illustrated to make them more comprehensible.

My wife uses these in her 5th grade classroom and the students really like them. She found it especially useful with reluctant readers.

The stories are okay, not really that captivating. Maybe my expectations were too high. I was expecting something like Marvel's quality.

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