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The Attractive Story Of Magnetism With Max Axiom, Super Scientist (Graphic Science)



Synopsis

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

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 14 years

Grade Level: 3 - 4

Customer Reviews

I picked up this book on a whim from a local bookstore after my daughter decided to do a science project on magnetism. Besides starting to save magnets from old dead hard drives, we headed to the library to check out every book we could find on magnetism. They range from "simple experiments to try at home" to "science text books for kids" and almost all of them were not very useful at explaining the basic science or introducing anything more advanced than polarity. Enter Max Axiom. My initial thought was that it would also be simplified because it is a graphic novel trying to appeal to kids who aren't even interested. First off, kids are always interested in everything. Never make that assumption. Second I read the book first and found it very well written. The art is nice and it is short so it can't cover things in great depth, but the concepts introduced and the examples used are great. It covers some history of the name, why they work at a molecular level, alignment, basic polarity, earth's magnetic field, electromagnets, and real world application. About

twice as much as the other books we already read. I was very impressed as it's only 30 pages and graphical, but in that respect I think the pictures helped succinctly explain some concepts. My 5 and 8 year-old daughters both got it. The book also has a glossary and an index as well as a recommended reading list in the back. I highly recommend the series and will be checking out more of them.

I honestly haven't read this Max Axiom offering. We've been buying 4 per month for the past couple of months, and I've read a few with my kiddos (7 and 4), but not this particular one. What I /can/ tell you is that my older child has begun to read through them without our help and oftentimes does so aloud with her younger sister. This morning, our youngest looked at me and said, "Mommy, the earth is a big magnet!" I'd say that it's done its job.

I felt an attraction to this book having read another good book in the series - A Crash Course in Forces and Motion. This book is a good introduction to magnets. But even better, it highlights some real world applications where magnets are used to solve problems. I sent several copies to the very needy Native American reservation school - Wounded Knee District School PO Box 350, Manderson, South Dakota. I added some magnet sets (also sold through) as an enrichment activity. After all - seeing is believing when it comes to magnets. See Dowling Magnets Alnico Science Kit and Dowling Magnets Iron Filings. The Add on product School Specialty Magnetic Field Detection Compasses makes it possible to examine magnetic fields. Magnetic Field Viewing Film (also sold by) is a good alternative non messy way to see magnetic fields around small magnets. NASA offers online, a great set of hands on magnetism activities called Exploring Magnetism. http://cse.ssl.berkeley.edu/SegwayEd/lessons/exploring_magnetism/exploring_magnetism/

This is one of the books on my son's list for his AP Reading summer project. I was surprised to see that it was such a short book, and I didn't realize that it was a graphic novel either. However short, it is still filled with tons of information. It's a fun and simple way for kids to become interested in and learn about magnetism. It's definitely a good read and even better if you can find it on sale!

This was a great book on magnetism. My son is autistic and the concepts made sense to him. He liked this. Got the paperback, had to tape a few pages in, but all in all a good book. Illustrated and written well.

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