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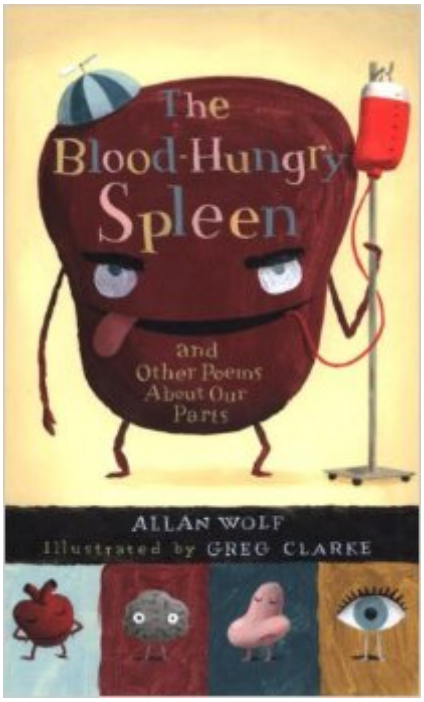
The Blood-Hungry Spleen And Other Poems About Our Parts



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Synopsis

"Makes a terrific and enriching addition to any life-science course and a charming gateway into deeper discussions of the body." â ” SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNALHave you ever wondered what some of your body parts do? How many times a year your heart beats? How big your small intestines are? Which of your muscles looks most like a slug? Certain to appeal to elementary-school children, these thirty-four humorous, anatomically accurate poems explore the workings of our bodies with great verve and enthusiasm â ” and plenty of outrageous illustrations.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

When I taught school, I was always looking for an entertaining way to trick my students into learning, into becoming inspired, and "The Blood-Hungry Spleen" would have been a huge hit -- if only I was still teaching! Not only is it amusing and educational to young children on a basic level about their anatomy (seriously, did you ever think about spit having a purpose, other than helping you look cool in a dugout?), it helps teachers and parents broach subjects they may have difficulty with. And, yes, very clever poetry!

This book has very cute illustrations and the poems about the different parts of the body are absolutely side-splitting! Some are better than others, but the majority are very helpful for helping

children learn what the different parts are for and where they are located. We used this book for a homeschool study of the body, and the silly, yet accurate information turned out to really help with learning.

This book is cute and funny. Throughout the amusing prose there is medical information that familiarize kids with what their body parts do. As a medical professional I am amused by the book and my kids and I have fun reading it together.

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My child and I had the good fortune to see Mr. Wolf perform at a library where he read from this book, and others! I was so impressed by his show that I bought this book for my child who LOVES

it! It truly makes the body interesting and fun.....captivating to children!! Thank you so much!

A great book of poetry for older kids/young adults, that was right up our ally. It’s no "great work of art", and the poems all rhyme (;)), but they’re great fun to read, and the illustrations complement them very well.

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