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Switch On, Switch Off (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)





Synopsis

The switch goes up -- the light goes on, The switch goes down -- the light goes off. It seems like magic! It's not -- it's electricity. But how does a light actually work? In this clear and simple book learn all about electricity, how it's produced, and how it can be used. At the end you'll learn how to conduct fun experiments that will let you generate electricity yourself!

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

I pulled this book out when my 5 year old asked me to explain how a light bulb works. The book addresses this subject and also goes on to explain, in simplist form, what electricity is, where it comes from and how we use it in our daily lives. It includes an easy experiement that shows how electricity is created. While my child was able to understand most of what was addressed, the introduction to atoms, electrons... was probably more than he needed right now. But the introduction of generators, wires, circuits and how electricity reaches our home was great. The story format, starting with turning on a light switch, kept him interested.

When I first opened the book, I thought it would be too young for my nine year old. To my surprise, it

caught our attention and explained the puzzling mystery of electricity and currents in such a way that we both understood how it works. Reading this turned on the light of comprehension. I highly recommend this book to explain the process.

I was going to buy this book for an 8-year old, and then discovered that it was part of a series, and available in the "4 for 3" plan, so I figured 'what the heck,' and bought a bunch of books from the series. Specifically, I purchased:.. "Switch On, Switch Off,".. "What Makes Day and Night".. "What is the World Made Of".. "The Planets of Our Solar System"The books are accessible to kids, well illustrated, and contain actual activities pertinent to the topic -- always a plus with kids' books. They remind me, in fact, of a series of science books that I read when I was about 7 or 8 -- the "What is a [...]" series, which contained titles like "What is a Frog?" "What is a Planet?" "What is an Atom?". and so on. I loved them, and I think kids of early rading age will love these, as well as potentially developing an interest in learning more about science. The only down side is, the reading age of these books is given as "4 to 8," which is, I think, a bit generous. I would put it at 4 to 7, maybe, and even an especially bright 7-year old may find the text a little elementary. The 8-year old I bought these for reads at a 5th grade level, and found the text "babyish," although she was fascinated by the subject matter. I notice that these books are labeled "Science 2," and there is also a "Science 1" series geared to even younger kids and pre-readers. I was hoping that there might be a "Science 3" series, more suitable for 8-10 year olds, but if there is I haven't found it yet. Due to the extremely simple reading level I probably won't buy any more from this series for the particular 8-year old that I got these for. However, I will certainly consider more of these titles, and Series 1 titles as well, for my friends' younger children who are rapidly approaching the early literacy stage.

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Teaches kids how electricity comes into your home. There are schematics showing simple wiring thru a house. It explains about the circuit and what happens when there is a broken circuits.

Switching off and on is breaking the circuit. For a few days after our first reading of this book we had lots of appliances switching off and on, you know scientific experiments! Another one of those things in life we take for granted. This book helps kids become aware of electricity and how it works. Great.

Really nice illustrations and explanation of how electricity is generated and sent along a circuit. Even I learned something! I like that the story line centers around turning the light out and going to bed - makes it a nice bed time story for five year old curious about electricity. A little above reading level of most five year olds, but still teaches to topic very well if read by adult.

This book, while written, in appearance for young children, is actually an excellent explanation of electricity for anyone not knowledgeable about the subject. I bought it for my fourth grade class, but I learned more than I knew also.

Another good read for Electricity. This unit was bought to teach, but this book aided me in more ways than one. My students not only listened to me read it, but many of them decided to reread with a partner or on their own. They really learned a lot about electricity this year, and this book contributed.

I bought this book to teach first graders about electricity. It was very helpful. The kids loved how easy it was to understand. The book had lots of pictures and examples to follow. This book also included experiments to do at home which I liked. Overall a great educational book.

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