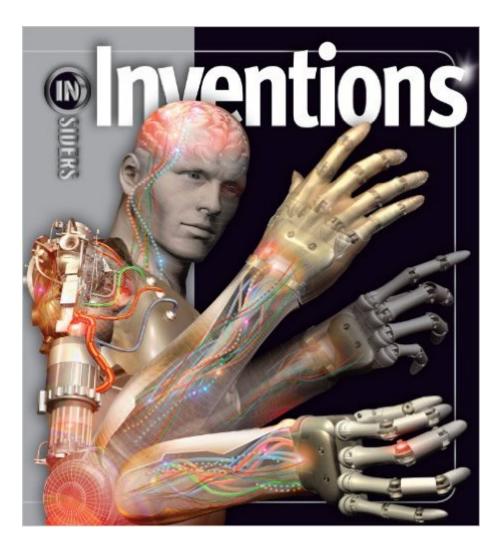
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Inventions (Insiders)





Synopsis

Inventions Over Time INsiders brings inventions to life, with the most up-to-date information and state-of-the-art 3-D illustrations that practically leap off every page, stimulating minds and imaginations in a whole new way.

Book Information

Series: Insiders Hardcover: 64 pages Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (March 10, 2009) Language: English ISBN-10: 1416938656 ISBN-13: 978-1416938651 Product Dimensions: 9.8 x 0.5 x 10.5 inches Shipping Weight: 1.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (42 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #207,958 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #51 in Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works > Inventions & Inventors #58 in Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works > Heavy Machinery #109 in Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works > How Things Work Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

This book introduces children to a variety of different inventions that are relevant to the present time. The best feature of the book are its illustrations. These highlight an invention (such as the automobile or the telephone) and show the development of the invention over time. The relatively terse descriptions highlight the history, important features, and interesting facts about the invention. The pictures are the best feature of this series. They are dramatic, highly detailed, and quite engaging for the book's core audience, children between the ages of 9 and 12. Unfortunately, the writing and length of the book seem to fall a little short. There are other series such as the Reader's Digest series (for example, Reader's Digest ~ How Science Works) or the DK Eyewitness series (for example, Invention (DK Eyewitness Books)) that cover more ground and have more detailed descriptions of the topics covered. If this were a contest for the best pictures, Inventions might eke out a win with its incredible illustrations. However, Reader's Digest(RD) and DK cover

more topics, have more in depth writing, still have great illustrations, and have more potential educational value. Inventions is more the kind of book that you might take out of the library. These kinds of books help children understand their surroundings, but they seem to be more of a passing fancy than something they absolutely need on their book shelf.

I can't make up my mind about this title. My 10-year-old son has looked at it more than once, and for more than five minutes, so that is a big plus. He seems to like it somewhat. The shiny, sort of complex cover design is also probably appealing to the elementary school-early middle school set.Here are the chapter divisions:INtroducing: A World of InventionWhat Is an Invention?Timeline of InventionThe First InventorsIN focus: Great InventionsIt's Revolutionary: WheelWith the Wind: SailKeeping Time: ClockPutting Wind to Work: WindmillSpreading the Word: Printing PressThe Universe Revealed: TelescopePowering the Modern Age: EngineCapturing the Moment: CameraTransport on Track: TrainSound Ideas: Music PlayerMaking Electricity: Power StationKeeping Connected: TelephoneDeep Diver: SubmarineFreedom Machine: AutomobileLighter Than Air: AirshipTaking to the Skies: AirplaneAcross the Airwaves: Radio and TVQuick Thinking: ComputerOut of This World: RocketKindest Cuts: SgeryAccess Control: Lock and KeyBetter Bodies: BionicsWired World: InternetGlossaryIndexI don't really like it though, personally. I think mostly it is because of the computer graphics. The images are very detailed and mostly realistic, but they look too much like computer game graphics, or some other kind of animation. I don't like that kind of art although I realize it is very popular and probably makes for a simple way to have one style for the entire book. Getting one artist that could do all the different types of views might have been hard, or at the least more expensive.

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