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Synopsis

Seymour Simon explores the wonders of the sun, from the constant nuclear explosions at its core to the sea of boiling gases that forms the surface, in this crisp, clear book illustrated with over twenty startling, full-color photographs, The Sun presents a fascinating introduction to the star that is the center of our Solar System and essential to life on Earth.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 870L (What's this?) Paperback: 32 pages Publisher: HarperCollins; 1st Mulberry Ed edition (October 26, 1989) Language: English ISBN-10: 0688092365 ISBN-13: 978-0688092368 Product Dimensions: 9.8 x 10 inches Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 3.9 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (15 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #236,770 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #95 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Astronomy & Space > Aeronautics & Space #134 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Astronomy & Space > Astronomy #138 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Environment & Ecology Age Range: 6 - 10 years Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

My teacher has many Seymour Simon books in the classroom and all of them are great. I am a fifth grader, and a good reader of fiction but nonfiction has always been a struggle for me. But this book, and others by the same author, have kept me interested. I've learned a lot and I wish we could use these books instead of textbooks.

My 5 year old absolutely loves all of the books he has by Mr. Simon. The pictures are outstanding and the wording is such, even he can understand, and grasp the concept Mr. Simon is trying to get across, as we read it to him. He is even now, picking up these books, and reading them himself, as best he can. Any author that can capture and keep your child's attention and spur them on to learn more and inspire their desire to read, deserves nothing but the highest score. I regret I can only go as high as five, on rating this item and author.

These Seymour Simon (Smithsonian) books are a joke. \$7 dollars for a book that is thinner than most magazines. Ridiculous, your paying for the Smithsonian name only. I bought a few of these books at the same time and I have regretted wasting my money since they have come in. The people who give good reviews are either too easily impressed or just don't know what a good book is. Buyer Beware!

I bought this originally for a gifted 3 year old and recently purchased a copy for a first grade science teacher. Like all of the Seymour Simon books I have seen to date, it is factually correct, well-written, and full of helpful facts and full-color photos to engage children. Highly recommended for curious children ages 4 and up!

Wonderful Simon books on the studies of earth and beyond. I find his writings what I like and that is enough knowledge without getting into techie things. The book on the sun gave me more insight and that was what I was looking for.

Once again Seymour has created a wonderful book for children. I think that as long as you are aware this book is one aiming to bring a child into the world of science, and understand that there will be challenges the first read through, your child should be fine. The flimsy paperback series is a great strength - and it obviously keeps cost down so we can build a section on our child's bookshelf for a reasonable price. Perhaps a flimsy paperback is not the correct phrase, rather a well crafted paperback book it is.Let you child encounter concepts such as: asteroids, the solar system, hydrogen, photosphere, chromospheres, coronagraphs, sun spots, and much more . . . Don't expect the child, especially younger ones, to grasp all of this all at once but use this attractive book to introduce them to such vocabulary/concepts. As they grow older, as my daughter has, she goes back to these books from time to time and at the age of 8 can now read these through with a better understanding due to repeated exposure to the books. Let's be honest, go ask a non-astronomy oriented adult what a coronagraph is and see what they say. Ask them to describe the chromosphere and see what they come up with - bottom line, 1) we can probably all learn from this, and 2) if an adult may come across new concepts there is a good chance children will.Challenge a young mind

Part of a series which includes The Moon, The Sun (this book), Stars, Planets, this is a nice science book with good photos and watercolor illustrations. Each chapter has ancient beliefs and legends, as well as an experiment or activity in connection with the sun such as, Make your own Sundial, Look at the sun safely, Cast a Big Shadow. It discusses eclipses, stars, rainbows, sunsets. There is an experiment with milk, Make your own sunset. It also covers the ozone layer and the two different types of auroras. One other experiment is Find the Warmest Color. It has a helpful Glossary and and Index. It is good for the fourth to the eighth grade. I saw it in an eighth grade classroom. Even high school students will find it of value. It is clearly presented and easy to digest. The value of this book is in understanding the facts surrounding the sun, but also in the simple but profound experiments outlined clearly in this book. It is a good reference also for the middle school and grade school science teacher. The only issue that anyone might have with this book has to do with science and religion. The book states the all stars die out and the sun will die out in 6 billion years. From a purely scientific viewpoint this is fine. However, from the most simple religious viewpoint, the astronauts who first saw the earth from space guoted Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." They were moved with awe at what they saw. If God had enough energy to make the sun, unless he has taken a new hands-off approach to the universe, he could certainly fill up the tank once in a while. In that case the sun would continue indefinitely. No reason to scare kids into details about the ultimate oblivion of the sun and earth!!

"The Sun" is a children's book. Maybe a good one, but a children's book. listed this as a "People also buy" with the book "One Second After". I didn't look and just clicked on blind faith and impulse. I hope my grandchildren enjoy it and learn something.

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