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Scholastic Discover More: The Elements



Synopsis

Scholastic Discover More is a revolutionary new nonfiction line pairing stunning print books with corresponding interactive digital books that extend the learning online. THE ELEMENTS unlocks a free 64-page digital companion book, ELEMENTS COLLECTOR, offering even more information, photos, and videos! Discovering the elements is discovering life itself. What are we made of? What keeps us and our universe in motion? Everything we are, and see around us, and create, is made up of a little over 90 elements, many of which have existed since the beginning of time and space. This book is more than a walk through the periodic table. It explains the tremendous forces of star birth and death that create elements. It chronicles the history of their discovery and the impact of their science on every aspect of our daily lives, from medicine to technology, architecture to the environment. Beautiful photographs and modern graphics make apparently ordinary substances, their extraction and their changes look as extraordinary as they truly are.

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Customer Reviews

It's amazing what a bold font choice can do. Each chapter announces itself with huge text spread across two pages, and just like that, you perk up, wondering if this will outshine your typical

nonfiction book about the elements. Indeed it does. Filling the oversize pages with eye-popping photos, sidebars, and factoids coming at you every which way, this entry in the three-tiered Discover More series (this volume is for the expert readers tier) is like a trip to a museum—every reader will find at least a few things worth poring over. Each well-trod topic and organizational device receives a fresh, revitalized consideration. Examples: the table of elements is followed by a photographic version, impressive numbers are stretched for all they're worth across page bottoms, and so on. Best of all, a unique code allows downloading of a digital companion volume of similarly interesting content. Grades 7-10. --Daniel Kraus

Dan Green studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge University. He has worked on many popular science titles, written humor books, edited a South American national newspaper, and worked as a travel writer, as well as developing and editing the wildly successful Horrible Science magazine collection.

My son has loved science since he was a toddler and I bought this for him when he was five. Before he could read, the very vivid and colorful pictures held his attention for hours (he loves books) and as he learned to read he continued to regularly pick it up and devour it (the radioactive elements are his favorite). Now he's in first grade and already understands how an atom works and how they can react with each other. My son actually lost his at school (even though his name was in it) and I purchased a second one as a birthday gift to replace it because he missed it so much. A great book for any child that loves science through about 5th grade. The colorful photos and illustrations set it apart from a lot of science books which resemble text books.

This is an amazing book! My son cannot put it down! We are constantly hearing "Did you know?" and then he will proceed to explain some fascinating information he has learned. The book is well laid out and it is filled with pictures that are nice to look at. The information is not over whelming, and in easy to understand language to keep kids interested and coming back for more. The book does not give any age group but my son is eight years old and an avid reader.

Book is very informative and has loads of alternative matter (pun intended). Tells you what the element could be used for, has been used for, and offers some experiments for young ones. All in all we're pleased with it just wish it had a whole lot more!

"The Elements" is prepared visually impressing with striking images and managed to become very informative at the same time. It's a great supplementary book for the kids in their science lessons. It also shows that a book can be fun while teaching a "serious" subject like the periodic table.

My two home school kids and I love this book. (They are 8 and 10). Nice pictures, great info.

This book is perfect for people who want to understand the elements or very basic chemistry. I teach 5th grade in an elementary school and actually seeing photos of what the elements look like in different forms makes an abstract idea concrete.

I bought this for my daughter in elementary school. She loves it with many pictures. Makes it more interesting to relate to actual everyday product with elements. Great book!

My 7 yrs son old really likes this book! Nice pictures and interesting ways to present each element. Great book!

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