

Synopsis

Maybe the first "How come?" question is "How come these books do so well?" And the answer is in how they satiate every boy and girl's insatiable curiosity about the world around them. Crack science writer Kathy Wollard answers those sneakily simple questions that ambush even the most erudite moms and dads. Like: "Why do apples turn brown when cut?" Or "Why do we get dizzy from spinning around on the playground?" Or "How can a fly walk up the kitchen wall?" The 125 questions are all derived from the experiences central to a kid's world—stuff that happens at home, in the backyard, at school, on vacation. There are the inevitable insect questions— "Why do bees die after they sting someone?" (the honeybee's stinger is barbed, and can't detach from the bee without pulling out its venom sac, a fatal injury). Food questions— "Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?" (a fruit, in fact a berry). Science questions— "We used dry ice in our school play to make fog. How does it do that?" (Unlike water, carbon dioxide goes straight from gas to solid and back—when frozen as dry ice, it "melts" into fog.) And the classic: "Why can't we tickle ourselves?" (Tickling depends on the element of surprise—and the brain can't surprise itself.)

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Customer Reviews

This book has questions that I have thought of before, but never really went on to answer them. All of the answers to the questions (which are questions that people might ask everyday) are written in an interesting way that never drag on, and always keep on the readers on their toes. Explanations

and answers are clear, without a single misplaced word. Along with the funny pictures on each page, this book is very useful to have around.

Children are curious! This book is so helpful in answering the flood of questions from your inquisitive children. It answers questions you've always wondered about like why are bugs attracted to the porchlight at night? or which came first the chicken or the egg? The drawings are great as well. My children, 6 and 8, were laughing out loud!

My daughters are 9 and 4 and they love this book. This is a great way to learn about science, nature, everything! They are constantly asking me questions just like these in the book - I am so glad we have this! If you have children this is a must-have! I really enjoy the style of writing and the kids love the illustrations. Its easy to read and understand. I am also looking to purchase How Come? Planet Earth.

My children are 7 years old, with a lot of questions. I read about this book in my local Sunday paper and thought it would be just perfect for them, I was very disappointed with it. As soon as we got it we started to read it and after the 1/2 way through the 1st page they were bored. I tried to skip around and read some other pages that might be of interest to them, but we were all bored. I thought it was going to be more of a question and answer book. Not long pages that ramble on. Maybe it would be good for older children like 10 - 13.

I love this down-to-earth addition to the How Come? series. Kathy Wollard answers my son's questions and corrects all my misconceptions. Like the very best cartoons, Debra Solomon's off-beat humorous illustrations will appeal to children and adults. Sure, I studied physics and biology, but who remembers all that stuff? My 9-year-old has lots of questions about the real world and now I have the answers. Buy it!!!

Excellent presentation by Kathy Wollard of some commonly asked questions by young scientists. Gregory Tobkes East Meadow, Retired Science Teacher

This book has all the answers to their 5 year old "Why" questions. Good reading as you discover things on walks or in your backyard. Highly recommend it. I even bought a set for my third grade classroom.

Grandson loves this book.

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