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Customer Reviews

I am sometimes put off by the over-produced look of DK volumes. However. Having taught science since 1976 from middle school through introductory college physics, I can enthusiastically report that this book makes excellent use of what computer layout technology affords editors. The photos and necessary diagrams are excellent, on-point, and useful. The narrative is sometimes 'deep water' for the casual reader, but generally appropriate for the topic being discussed. BEST OF ALL (especially for younger users and those not so well versed in the sciences) the editors placed great emphasis upon the PEOPLE who spent many years of their lives tweezing out a precious few of

nature's secrets. Related discoveries leading up to and following the central topic at hand are clearly listed. One could not go wrong adding this book to almost any bookshelf. Nitpickers go away -- DK has put their bag of graphic production tricks to very good use here. An excellent gift book, too.

When I saw "The Science Book (Big Ideas Simply Explained)" I was pretty excited because I love science and understanding how things work. To be honest it's been a few decades since I have studied any of this in school so I was looking forward to re-learning things I used to know and learning some new stuff. What a disappointment when I started reading the book and it turns out to be more of a History of Science, or perhaps a Who's Who of Science. It does cover the HISTORY of many of the great discoveries of science but if you're looking for a book that will tell you the functions of the different parts of a human cell, or the equation for how fast objects fall in a vacuum, or how to balance a chemical equation, this is NOT the book for you. If, however, you are a history geek (rather than a science geek) then you will probably love this book.

What a fun book. The numerous entries are clear and concise -- not enough for your kid to write a paper on any given topic, but perfect as a starting point to pique their interest and show them where to begin their research. What I liked best is that we are shown the origins of different scientific thought, and I was surprised at the ingenuity of people long before modern technological society. What really sold me, however, was the entry on global warming as it explained the first scientific observation and why it was believed to be man-made rather than just a natural variance. It was information I had never read about in the many news articles I had read on the subject.

I loved this series of books! I'm already a fan of the "Dummies" and "Idiots" books, which simplify and organize information for those of us with Big Curiosity, but Little Patience! This series, BIG IDEAS SIMPLY EXPLAINED, are wonderful, concise, simply, explanations of profound ideas. I would recommend them for general reading, overall understanding before studying a subject, or just leafing through when a question occurs.

Many good contents. Just as original as The Psychology Book. This fills in missing gaps in my understanding of science, including many major discoveries that may not have been covered in school, or are often reserved for more advanced students. This text is readable, detailed, and covers a lot of interesting themes. And the concept is great.

This is a great "interest-generating" resource book. It highlights some interesting scientific discoveries and the scientists who made them. Sometimes we flip the book open at random and read, and sometimes we select a topic and read; either way it is a fun introduction.

Big ideas simply explained! I love all of these DK Publishing books! I love to read I love to learn and I especially love science. So far I have this book the science, psychology, business, philosophy, and religions. I can't wait to buy more! These books are good to buy for yourself or for others. I don't have young children or any children at all but I imagine these would be a really really good way to get children involved in science they have a way of taking these big grand ideas and breaking it down so anybody can understand it you get so involved in these books and lose track of time and it makes learning fun! I highly suggest these books to anyone

This book was a great read for anyone who is interested in an overview of science and its progressions throughout time. This is my second "Big Ideas Simply Explained" book. I enjoy the way this book is formatted; the use of diagrams/figures to provide a visual reference to the written subject matter provides clarity and are easy to understand. This book never gets boring. Topics change frequently and overviews are carefully explained in a very digestible manner for the average consumer. Enjoy!

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