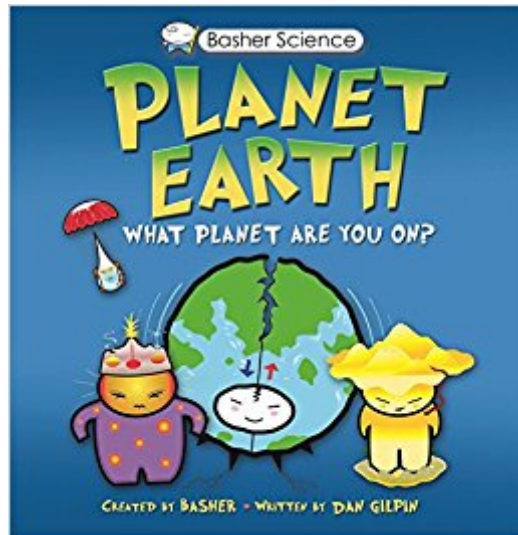




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Basher Science: Planet Earth: What Planet Are You On?



Synopsis

Basher Science: Planet Earth, What planet are you on? Created & illustrated by Simon Basher, written by Dan Gilpin From Basher, the illustrator who showed the periodic table in a whole new light and gave us his fresh spin on physics, biology, astronomy and rocks and minerals, comes Planet Earth, a book that sheds light on this rock we live on, from its mountains and ocean depths to the storms that whirl around it.

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Basher continues his series of science primers that are so entertaining, kids may read them for fun, beyond the classroom walls. Once again, a cast of endearing, goofy, globby-bodied cartoon creatures embody the concepts. Each one appears on its own spread and is grouped into categories, such as "Landlubbers" (i.e., continents) and "The Insiders," including the earth's crust. As in the previous titles, the authors blend a surprising wealth of facts into the chatty, humorous text, which is filled with analogies kids can relate to. A hot spot in the earth's mantle, for example, is "like a huge, angry pimple on Earth's face." The format, which allows limited space for explanations, works less well in the case of more complex concepts, such as the food web and water cycle, so readers will most likely need other sources to fill in details. But the highly approachable language, animated cast of characters, awe-inspiring facts, and conservation messages make this an appealing starting point for students seeking basic earth-science information. Grades 5-8. --Gillian Engberg

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Booklist “This small book will surely find interest among both science and non-science students. The easy-to-read text and colorful Japanese-style cartoon graphics presents a fact-based and often personified description of the basic features of planet Earth. . . . Bulleted items at the bottom of each page provide scientific trivia, which may lead students to do more investigation and research. This is a fun and engaging introduction to the place we call home and will surely spark an interest in other titles by this author.” Library Media Connection

I got this book for my 9 year old son to supplement the home school curriculum that we use. He is really interested in everything about the Earth right now! This book presents a lot of fact in a way that keeps his attention. We both like that the information is presented from the point of view of what is being described. I’m looking forward to checking out more of these books. We now have The Human Body, Rock and Minerals, Planet Earth and Astronomy. My son reads them often and can usually find something new every time.*I paid full price for this item. This is my honest, unbiased opinion.

We love all of the Bashers books, and have purchased every one of them since they first came out with the Periodic Table of Elements when my kids were still in grade school. All of the Bashers science books present the material in a simple and organized manner which makes learning easy. In addition to the simple way the books are structured, the art work is charming and really adds to the learning experience. My children are young adults now, and we still continue to enjoy these books, they are even educational for adults! These books are a fun way to review information or get a quick overview of a topic you are just starting to learn. I would highly recommend any Bashers books.

My students love these books AND I love these books! I have students who reach for them when they are done completing classwork, after tests and in study hall. I teach 7th grade science and I am

constantly using these as in class references to explain topics to students who may not understand; these books put vocab into kid friendly terms that aren't intimidating. I currently own around 8-10 of the science themed books from Basher, I buy them as they get published and have been building my "library" for about 5-6 years now. These would make an excellent gift for any kid, a teacher or yourself for that matter. They have amazing graphics, are excellently written and are well made/bound.

I really do not understand why but my 8 y.o., who would rather play on the computer than read a book, is obsessed with these Basher books. He brings them to school, he reads them on his own... I have ordered several of them, and will order more. He also reads the ones that are way above his comprehension level and loves them, constantly telling me bits of info from them.

First off, the information is 100% accurate. And then the author/illustrator runs off with creative animie characters and clever descriptions. The book is captivating, amusing, and smart. Each topic is covered in a two page spread, one page is the illustration of the hero, the other the zany description our hero/villain. This format lends itself to both browsing and cover-to-cover reading. This year, I used this book as the background text for the earth unit in our homeschool (gr 2&5) To keep it fun, I did not assign reading in this book (assignments are boring) we just talked about the characters and jokes in the book, "Did you see Rift Valley's head? Yeah, he's got a splitting headache!" I covered the same topics in the same general progression of the text with experiments, diagrams to color, and puzzle-based worksheets. My kids read the text themselves several times. At the end of the unit we played charades and had some good laughs. I am a huge fan of the Basher science books. When our first Basher book arrived at our house, my children bickered for who got to read it first. Ever since, I order them in pairs so it's all fun.

This year my brother-in-law bought the Basher's "human body" book as a gift for my daughter. After reading it with me several times, (in just a few months), I decided to begin supplementing our Earth Science classes with these cute and awesome little books. They are very clever and amusing. It is easy to read the books to all five of our children as a bedtime story because it appeals to them all. (our kids are ages 1-9). I just received the "Planet Earth" book, and am not disappointed. It holds their attention, and personifies complex concepts in a way that is easy for them to understand. They are excited to be learning Science. (Anyone with kids appreciates this). My brother-in-law started an exciting journey through this series.

Just received it today and am returning it tomorrow. Prefer to use a more realistic book for earth science, with real pictures as opposed to giving each subject a human-like persona.

The basher series is a wonderful addition to teaching children many different subjects. The book was shipped on time and was in good condition as described. I highly recommend them. This Planet Earth edition is great to teach the grammarian our world and what it's made of. Happy learning!

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