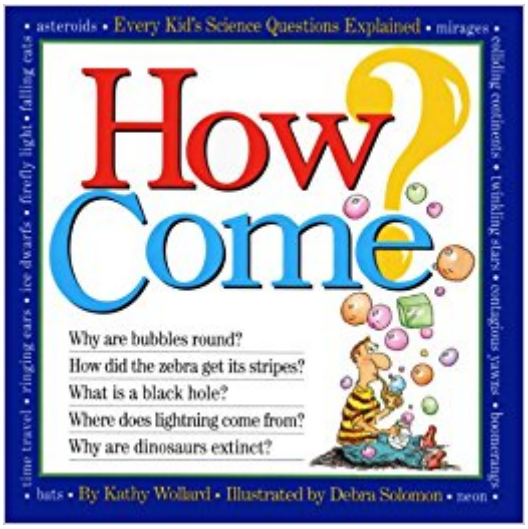
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Synopsis

For every kid who really wants to knowÃ¢â ¬â •and for every exasperated parent who simply doesn't knowÃ¢â ¬â •here is a lively omnium-gatherum of explanations to the most frequently asked questions about our world, from "Why do stars twinkle?" to "What are hiccups? "Taken from Kathy Wollard's popular column, "How Come?" (seen for the past six years in Newsday and recently syndicated nationally through the Los Angeles Times), How Come? explains why cats can survive high falls (because of the way their bodies can act like a "parachute") and how black holes absorb light (intense gravityÃ¢â ¬â •if the Earth had the same density as a black hole, it would have to be compressed to the size of a marble!). Now you can know it all.

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NOW YOU CAN KNOW IT ALL Firefly light and the aurora borealis. Time travel and tears. Blood types, boomerangs, and black widow spiders. Explanations and investigations. A fact-filled, fun-filled, whimsically illustrated compendium, HOW COME? answers over 100 of the questions asked most frequently about the world around us. It explains what a mirage is (an image caused by air bending light). How a cat can survive a high fall (because of the way its body acts like a parachute). And why, when someone else yawns, you want to yawn too (in primitive times, yawns may have been a way to synchronize group behavior). So go ahead, ask it your best question. ATTENTION PARENTS: Can you say why the sky is blue? Or explain how an X-Ray can take a picture of your child's bones? It's not easy to be knowledgeable in all walks of science, but here's lively help for when the questions start coming.

I am a teacher and the articles are about things that kids wonder about all the time! They articles are short enough to use in a single class period, but still are thought-provoking and informative, while being written at a school-age reading level. Bravo!!

Was expecting a lil more to this book but still enjoying reading with son.

I bought this for my 7 year old niece who lives in Europe. I wanted to see how good it was so I picked it up to read a few entries. I couldn't put it down! I loved how straightforward everything was and wish I had owned this when I was young. It would have been an incredibly good foundation for science classes in school!The explanations are thorough and grouped by category. I didn't care for the illustrations but it didn't matter, they could leave blank spots there and I'd still say this is the best book I've ever seen on explaining science. I can't wait for my niece to open it for Christmas, I think she'll love it just as much!

I bought 3 of these as I work with 3 friends who have small children. After a conversation about how to answer some of the questions their children had asked, I thought these books would be fun and helpful learning tools. They all loved them. I recommend.

Entertains the 5 year olds and the 12 year olds. I bought a set for home and for my third grade classroom. A good read for all ages.

I bought this for my nephew when he was 8 and he still reads it 2 years later. A hit!

There is a lot of good information in this book; but the writing style is unusual and difficult to follow even for an adult at times, so certainly for the children who are the target of this book.

I purchased this book because I work in an after school program primarily teaching science. The book arrived on time, in the expected condition, and I am very pleased.

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