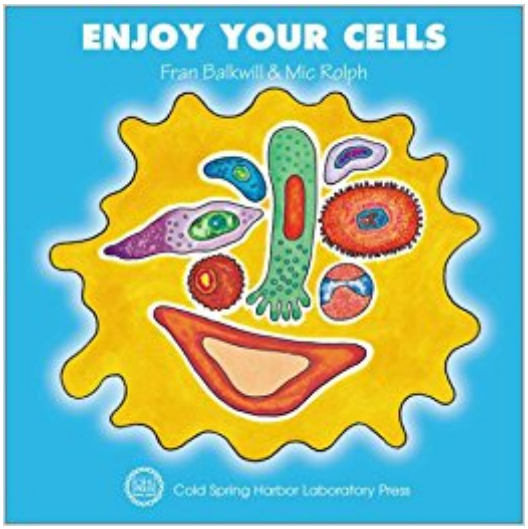
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Enjoy Your Cells (Enjoy Your Cells Series Book 1)



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Synopsis

Beneath your skin there is an amazing hidden world of living cells. Millions and millions of cells work together, to make everything that is you. But did you know that you started life as just one tiny cell? And did you know that everything that lives on Planet Earth is also made of these amazing cells? Enjoy Your Cells is a series of children's books from the acclaimed creative partnership of scientist/author Fran Balkwill and illustrator Mic Rolph. Once again, they use their unique brand of simple but scientifically accurate commentary and exuberantly colorful graphics to take young readers on an entertaining exploration of the amazing, hidden world of cells, proteins, and DNA.It's over ten years since Fran and Mic invented a new way of getting science across to children. Think what extraordinary advances have been made in biology in that timeand how often those discoveries made headlines. Stem cells, cloning, embryo transfer, emerging infections, vaccine developmentELhere in these books are the basic facts behind the public debates. With these books, children will learn to enjoy their cells and current affairs at the same time. And they're getting information that has been written and reviewed by working scientists, so it's completely correct and up-to-date. Readers aged 7 and up will appreciate the stories' lively language and with help, even younger children will enjoy and learn from the jokes and illustrationsno expert required! Discover all the books in the ENJOY YOUR CELLS series, each available in coloring book and full-color formats!

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Customer Reviews

"The illustrations in Enjoy Your Cells are fantastic....this is no boring biology textbook. Rolph's illustrations are rich....and many have entertaining text bubbles....The book is jam-packed with information for both kids and parents. I'm a biologist and I learned new things from the book. Balkwill works hard to make all this material accessible to young minds...The book certainly made a lasting impression on my daughter....She...even asked to bring the book to her preschool. It's pretty neat to see how Enjoy Your Cells has given her a new way of looking at the living world." - Washington Post

Fran Balkwill is Professor of Cancer Biology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the London Queen Mary School of Medicine. Mic Rolph is a graphic designer with much television and publishing experience. Together, they have created many books for children, and have won several awards, including the prestigious COPUS Junior Science Book Prize.

SUCH a big hit! My 6-year-old loves this series so much that he is not only explaining the science to everyone he meets, but he's re-creating the "Bone" comic book series as "Cells" (complete with "germ creatures" instead of "rat creatures," etc.)The information is a good balance of interesting and detailed, but not over-complicated, and the graphics are bright and engaging.

That title is from my son, now 8. We got him this book when he was 4 and he was immediately taken by it. We (parents) are both molecular biologists and one of us ran across it at a meeting, where we picked it up. We have since bought gift copies for other children. It is by no means comprehensive, but it is entertaining and educational. FWIW, I brought it to his first-third-grade classroom and the fertilization part didn't trigger any questions about anatomy.From my son:My favorite page is the one with all the sperm swimming toward the egg. The one that gets in says "I'm spermtastic." The pictures are good and it's a funny joke. The other sperms say "I can't swim," "Wait for us," "Let us in," "All this way for nothing!" and "Yeah."I also really like the next page, where the sperm that got in says "Now we are just one cell." The other sperms say "Sob," "Smug sperm," "Bah," and "We're too late."My other favorite part is where everyone is guessing how many cells are in a human. The dinosaur says "I thought I was made of Latex." I like it because it's a joke. Get it? The dinosaur thinks he's made of plastic.I like this book because I learned a lot and it is funny.

My almost- 5 year old loves these whole series of books and has me read and re-read, and is talking with scientific vocabulary and asking questions that surprises other adults who I presume

haven’t seen these books. Great illustrations. Very happy I purchased, and I assume they will be in use for years to come!

great for my 2nd grader

love the book

Homeschooling my son and he couldn’t wait to read it and loved the details. Very precise yet understandable. It will be read many times. Worth the purchase.

Wow, this book was not what I expected!Let me give you some background about myself. I have a B.A. in Biology, a B.A. in Chemistry, and a M.S. in Chemistry (Research). I have taken an entire class on the cell and researched cellular membranes in graduate school. I bought this book for my children and to share with the children at their school through a science club that I am teaching.In addition to a little bit about cell function there is a multi page blurb about sexual reproduction. They do not get graphic and talk about body actions, but it does talk about the sperm and ovum from dad and mom. One of the pictures shows one sperm that has just penetrated an egg that says "I’m spermtastic". I can discuss this with my fourth grader, but I am not comfortable sharing this with other people’s children. If I use it, I will have to skip over this section. What the book does not include, and should if they are going to have a section on embryology and fetal development, is any information on cell replication (i.e. meiosis and mitosis). I was also disappointed that the only organelle it mentioned was the nucleus. To me this book is very incomplete and includes some extra stuff that really doesn’t need to be in there or that should be done more tastefully. This book was obviously not what I was looking for and it really disappointed me.I would like to see a book that defines a cell, explores what is inside the cell (organelles), talks about cellular replication, and discusses the specialized function of different cells and how they have adapted to these roles. Bundle this into a kid friendly book and I will buy it!

Does an excellent job of detailing specialized cells. This text goes through the entire process of sperm combining with egg producing a zygote and the development of an embryo. I read this book to my three year-old daughter, and she was amazed at the development--she even noticed that the ’baby’ did not have ears! The images are very colorful that keep their attention.This text also compares cells of different animals such as plant, dog, and cat. I also noticed that the concepts

taught in this book correlate to the AAAS Atlas for appropriate concept development (they say age range up to 9). This is appropriate for my children to bridge the gap between elementary school and high school (I teach high school biology).

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