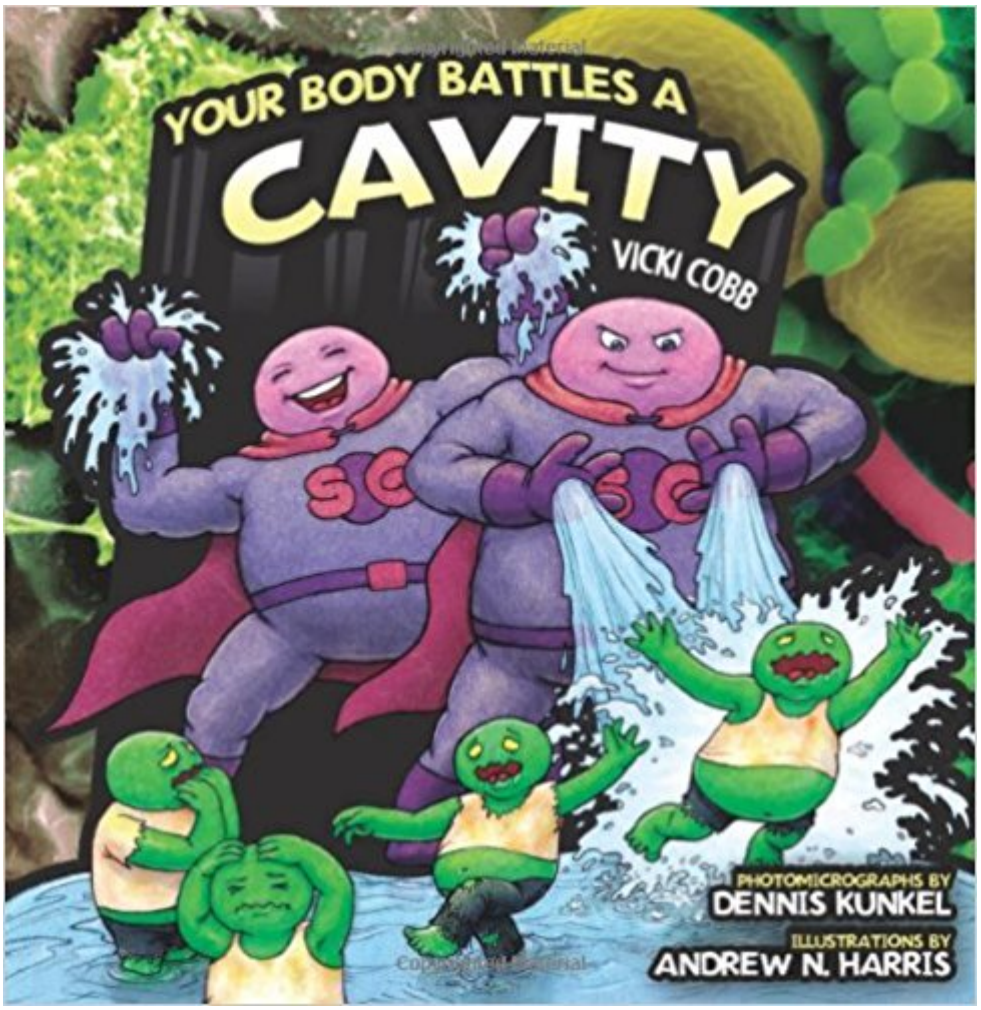
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Synopsis

Oh, no! You've got a cavity. Your teeth are the hardest things in your body, yet tiny germs are able to make holes in them. A hole in your tooth is called a cavity, and once you have one, only a dentist can come to the rescue. The key is to prevent cavities from forming in the first place. Every day, there's a battle going on in your mouth. Acids and bacteria attack your teeth and plaque builds up. Your body has superheroes--your saliva--that try to fight off acids. By brushing and flossing your teeth, you can help your body fight off the germ invaders and prevent cavities. Get a close look at the battle going on in your mouth with comic illustrations and ground-breaking photomicrographs. The photomicrographs magnify the actual cellular processes thousands of times, offering you a front-row seat for all the action.

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The information is great but it is not presented in a very child friendly way.

If you want to hear a scary sound, you don't even have to go to a horror show. The only thing you'll need to do is forget about taking care of your teeth, get a few cavities that need filling and you can listen to the dentist's drill. Bzzz bzzz bzzz bzzz! A toothache is a miserable thing to have, but you don't have to have them if you take good care of your teeth. In this book you'll meet five superheroes, the red blood cell, the salivary gland cell, the neutrophil, the odontoblast and the nerve cell, all of which can help you to "keep your teeth healthy."You have different kinds of cells in your body and when you get a toothache there are germs that are attacking come of them. Your tooth is made up of enamel, pulp and dentin. When you get a cavity eventually you may get a toothache because if you neglect it the cavity can eat through the enamel and the dentin right down into the pulp. Your nerve cells will "send a message to your brain" that let you know fairly quickly that there is something wrong. In this book you'll learn all about how you can prevent cavities by making sure that bacteria called Streptococcus mutans (these cause plaque) stay out of your mouth, how to brush properly and what causes this bacteria to do its nasty deed on your teeth.You'll learn about odontoblasts and how they "help keep dentin strong," how nerve cells can signal to you that you have something amiss, how red and white blood cells (neutrophils) fight infections and how your

salivary glands produce saliva to wash your teeth. You'll also see some very interesting photomicrographs that "were taken with a scanning electron microscope (SEM) that will absolutely amaze you!This fantastic book will fascinate the confident reader with the text and the photomicrographs while drawing in the most reluctant reader at the same time with its superhero format. This book not only stresses a common health issue, but may even interest young people in pursing careers in microbiology or other health related fields. This is one in the series of six "Body Battlefields" books. The bzzz is, is that this is one of the best books you can find about the need to take care of your teeth!

Elementary school age children from 1st grade to 3rd grade are the prime audience for this book and the 5 others in the series, but parents will learn something new, too. The author is very creative! The illustrations help kids understand the text and the superhero theme definitely ups the excitement factor. This is the best non-fiction series for kids I've seen. My kids bring these home, read them together and go get another one. Highly recommended!

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