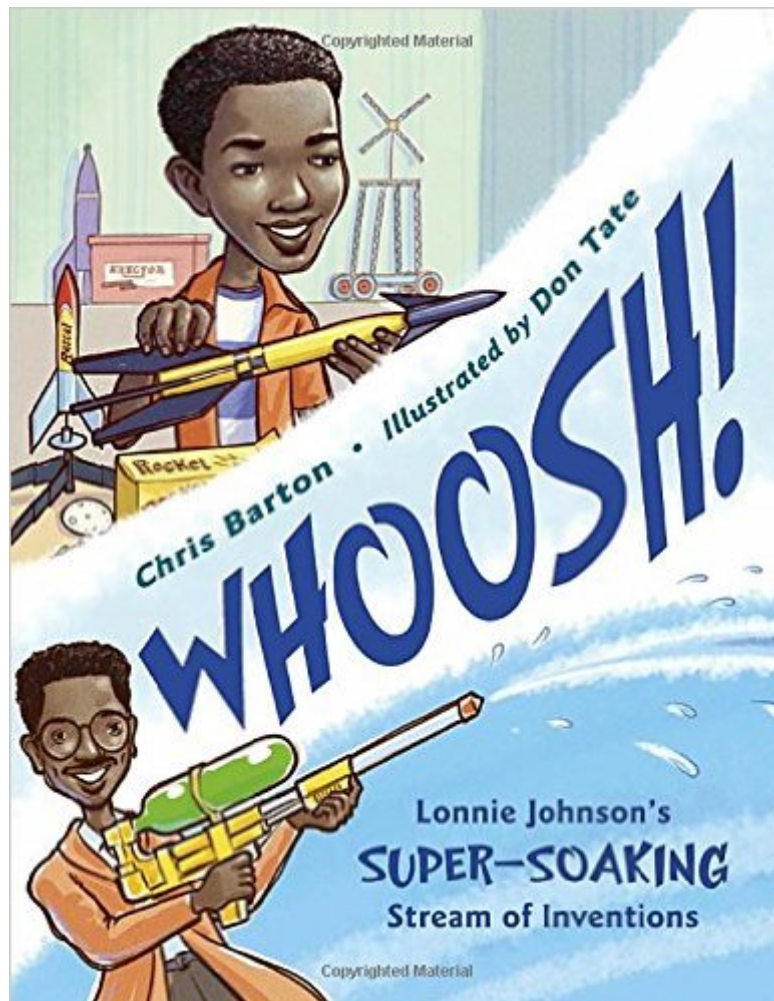


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# Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream Of Inventions



## Synopsis

A cool idea with a big splash — You know the Super Soaker. It's one of top twenty toys of all time. And it was invented entirely by accident. Trying to create a new cooling system for refrigerators and air conditioners, impressive inventor Lonnie Johnson instead created the mechanics for the iconic toy. — A love for rockets, robots, inventions, and a mind for creativity began early in Lonnie Johnson's life. Growing up in a house full of brothers and sisters, persistence and a passion for problem solving became the cornerstone for a career as an engineer and his work with NASA. But it is his invention of the Super Soaker water gun that has made his most memorable splash with kids and adults.

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When a young kid discovers a love of science, you know the book is going to be awesome! Lonnie Johnson was just a young kid when it was discovered he had a natural talent for engineering. He loved learning, designing, and inventing. It helps that he had quite the imagination. He grew up poor, in a very small house. He went to high school and excelled, he won first prize in the science fair for a robot he designed. This was an accomplishment because previously African Americans were ineligible to compete. He graduated and went to college where he quickly got a job at

NASA. He continued learning and inventing new imaginative things in his own workshop. Which is something he dreamed of having as a kid! At this point, he had met his goals, overcome unimaginable adversity and been extremely successful. One day while trying to find a new and efficient way to cool down refrigerators and conditioners, he created a super soaker water gun. He is forced to overcome even more adversity as he tries to bring his new found product to market. He has a lot of doors slammed in his face. Just when it seems like he would give up. He perseveres in order to see the success of his work. Packed with a surprise that will wow your children. Whoosh! encourages children to chase their dreams, climb over every obstacle in their way. It is a perfect narrative to start talking to your child about issues facing this world in a soft, and gentle way. This is an extremely upbeat story that will get your reader interested. This is the perfect story for little boys and girls who want to become inventors or even engineers when they grow up. This is a great picture book for diversity. Let's talk about the art.

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