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Where Did My Clothes Come From?





Synopsis

Fun retro illustrations entice kids to follow the thread and learn where their clothes had their startâ "and how they were put together.Did you know that the cotton for your jeans was picked from a bush? How did the colorful wool in your sweater get from a sheepâ ™s back to a ball of yarn? Where did your soccer uniform, your rain boots, and your fleece jacket come from? And what does recycling plastic bottles have to do with anything? Visit farms, forests, and factories all over the world to find out how everything you wear has a story behind it. Back matter includes an authorâ ™s note, an illustratorâ ™s note, a bibliography, and an index.

Book Information

Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Candlewick (August 4, 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 0763677507 ISBN-13: 978-0763677503 Product Dimensions: 8.8 x 0.3 x 10.5 inches Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (5 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #474,404 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #62 in Books > Children's Books > Activities, Crafts & Games > Crafts & Hobbies > Needlecrafts & Textile Crafts #104 in Books > Children's Books > Arts, Music & Photography > Art > Fashion #223 in Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works > How Things Work Age Range: 5 - 8 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Fantastic book for any child who always wants to know where things come from. Well-written with very good illustrations. Appropriate for children ages 3-8. The text tells you a lot about what is happening in the illustrations- which are detailed enough that they offer plenty of opportunities to elaborate.

Great for elementary school aged children. This book is currently being used in a 1st grade classroom. It was also given as a gift to a 5 year old who loved learning and pointing to the pictures as and adult read.

Cool explanations of how different fabrics (cotton, wool, rubber, silk, synthetic) are created and turned into clothing. It's like the How It's Made tv show turned into picture book form! Tons of fun and very informative. There's a lot of information packed into each spread, but clear (and cute) illustrations help readers keep it all straight. The numbering (or lack thereof) of different steps in the process felt inconsistent from fabric to fabric and was a little confusing for me. Other than that, I loved it. I imagine lots of kids poring over the pages, soaking up the info--and looking at their own clothes in a whole new way!

On the page that discusses where do my jeans come from, it is obvious that they come from Asian sweatshops. It stereotypes and even somewhat disfigures the women sewing the jeans. This page alone makes the book not appropriate. Not sure why a publisher would let that happen. The book is fine otherwise. Such a shame.

I picked this up at the library and it's really neat. It explains how fabrics are made for different clothes- rubber, wool, synthetic fibers, etc. in a way that kids can understand. I definitely learned a lot and I sew so I thought this was neat.Like another reviewer mentioned, some of the pages show various cultural groups doing the work for that particular fabric. Perhaps it could've been represented better, but it's probably a pretty accurate representation of which cultural groups actually make which clothes.Either way I have to really appreciate how much effort goes into our clothes after reading this. I hope my kids have the same appreciation! My kids are 2 and 4 years old and listened pretty well to this... They seemed to like the illustrations and step by step visual on how things are made.

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