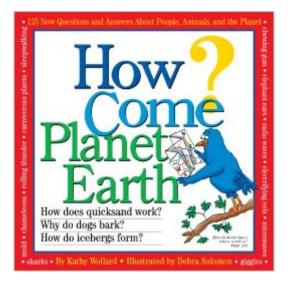


How Come? Planet Earth





Synopsis

Kids never stop asking questions. And Kathy Wollard, whose Los Angeles Times syndicated column "How come?" appears in newspapers around the world, never stops answering them. In five years since the first How Come? was published, Ms. Wollard has written hundreds of columns addressing the whys, whats, wheres, and hows sent in by her readers. A direct follow-up to the original How Come?, How Come? Planet Earth is packed with lively, engagingly written, and often wittily illustrated answers to questions that kids have about the natural world around them. There are questions about animals - Why are electric eels electrical? (the charges not only help them find their way around in the dark, but act as a defense system). About human body - Where does the fat go when you lose weight? (it's burned up inside the muscles for energy). About Earth science - Why are storm clouds gray? (they contain a lot of water, which absorbs more sunlight than an ordinary cloud does, so storm clouds appear ominously dark). And just about everyday stuff - How do they make chewing gum? Why are diamonds the hardest material on Earth? Why do dogs bark? For all kids who want to know (and all kids want to know), and for the parents who can't always explain it to them (no parents know every answer), How Come? Planet Earth is the perfect reference and companion.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I LOVED this book. It's not just for kids -- though I'm sure they'll enjoy it, as much as I did. The author's choice of subject matter is excellent, and she explores each subject at just the right depth. Her breezy and humorous writing style is a joy to read. And it's educational, too! Although I have an advanced science degree, and have been a lifelong reader in various sciences, I found myself learning something new in each essay. I strongly recommend "How Come? Planet Earth" to curious minds of any age.

...I bought How Come? Planet Earth for my Kids and I read an article every morning with my cereal. I love the kooky cartoons and the articles make me look like a genius to my kids! It will always come in handy to know that flys taste with their feet and humming birds have the most powerful muscles in the animal kingdom...MY ENTIRE FAMILY LOVES THIS BOOK!

This book is awesome. It is full of very interesting information about why things around us are the way they are. It has a section on the human body, one on animals, one on the earth itself, among others. It is written with humor and wit. I learn (and laugh) a lot as I read to my child. It is so useful for him, too, satisfying his ingenious curiosity that is so precious of children. This is the BEST children's book I have come across so far and very highly recommend it.

I bought and loved the first How Come? book a few years ago (and then I bought copies for all my friends so they'd stop "borrowing" mine). So it was like Christmas morning when I discovered that there was a new How Come? book out. This one is just as good as the first -- which means that it is fabulous. Each question is answered in a fascinating essay that explains, in easy to understand language, how our world actually works, from quicksand to why things itch. And each answer comes with a hilarious drawing. The publisher classifies this as a "young person's" book, but I have yet to meet an adult who could read one of these essays without wanting a copy of this book for themselves.

I bought this book for my 5 year old girl who kept saying things like "Mom, I'm wondering... how did all the water get on our planet in the very beginning?" The answer was in there!!! And in terms that she could follow. Awesome book! The book is probably geared toward older kids but I guess it doesn't matter what age they are when those questions start coming :)

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