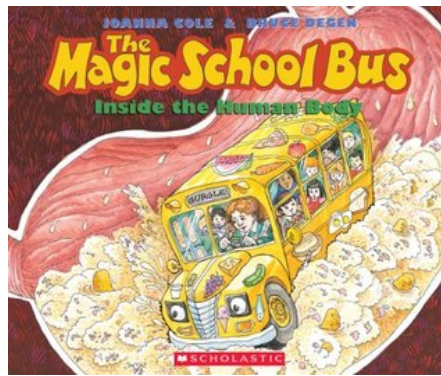




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Talk about a change of plans! Ms. Frizzle and her class are on the Magic School Bus headed for a museum. They have been studying how the body turns food into energy, and now they are going to see an exhibit on the human body. Things seem fine until they stop for lunch. A strange mishap causes the bus to shrink and then be swallowed! Ms. Frizzle's class is suddenly inside a real human body!

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Saige Holcomb says

Personal Response

I think *The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* is an interesting book. My favorite part was when they were inside Arnold's stomach, and a student said the stomach is like hamburger mush. My little sister, Esthur, thought that was funny too. She knew more than I thought she would. When Esthur told me that blood is actually blue, I was surprised she knew that.

Plot

The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body is about a class who was learning how the human body functions. They went on a field trip, by secretly shrinking the bus into one of the students, Arnold's food. When Arnold ate the food, the whole class landed in his stomach. They learned how the digestive system works. They also learned how blood vessels work, when the class was traveling back up the body. When they finally got into the brain they learned that nerve cells constantly receive messages and control the senses. At last, they got out by entering the nose, and Arnold sneezing the school bus out.

Characterization

The main character in *The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* is Ms. Frizzle. I think of her as a very strange and unique teacher. The reason why I think that is because, she drives a magic school bus to unique places. Another character is Arnold, the boy who swallows the school bus. He isn't even aware that the class is traveling around inside of him.

Setting

The setting in the story takes place in school. It also takes place in Arnold's body. The time and place it took in, was probably around 15 years ago from our time because of the way they dress.

Theme

The theme for *The Magic School Inside the Human Body* is the quest for discovery. The reason why I think that, is because the whole class went into Arnold's body and discovered how the human body works.

Recommendation

I recommend *The Magic school Bus Inside The Human Body* for kids between the ages of five through ten. This is the age when they wonder what goes on inside our body. It will tell them how our senses work and digest food.

Shanna Gonzalez says

The Magic School Bus is a popular, fun-filled science series in which a class of public-school students, led by the eccentric Ms. Frizzle, goes on magical field trips to new and unusual places. In this episode, their

school bus shrinks to miniature size to be swallowed by one of the students. The rest of the class explores the inner workings of his body -- his intestines, circulatory system, nervous system, and respiratory system (at which point they are sneezed out and resume normal size). The action moves at a lively pace, with comic-book-style commentary by members of the class (we often skip the commentary for reading aloud, although it does provide an opportunity for discussion). At the end of each book, the class participates in a traditional review session of what they have learned, and the authors include a brief question-and-commentary section. Cole and Degen succeed quite well in making an elementary-level science lesson fun.

This series inspired a television program, which in turn inspired a second book series of significantly lesser quality. I recommend the original series, except for *In the Time of the Dinosaurs*, which includes a lot of evolutionary theory.

keri. says

BLESS U HOOPLA FOR BRINGING THIS LIL RAY OF SUNSHINE BACK INTO MY LIFE

Brianna says

In this fun take on an informational book, Ms. Frizzle teaches the students about the human body, and soon after decides to shrink the class for a field trip inside the body. They travel inside of Arnold's body, and learn about the different parts of the body, and their functions. By the end of the day, they make it out the body unscathed, and with a better understanding of the functions of the human body.

Dianna says

Will I be any less of a book nerd if I say that I like the TV adaptations of this book better than the book?

Don't get me wrong: the book is fun and educational, and my son loved it. I love how much it has going on—the story, the little speech bubbles, and the reports.

But the TV series splits the human body episodes into at least three, and it gives more opportunity for further detail—instead of just flying through the body, the shows can go into details like how the digestive system works, or how the body fights an illness.

Catherine says

THIS BOOK WAS ALSO GOOD AND IT WAS ADVENTUREST AND IT TEACHES YOU THINGS!!!!

Holly says

I have always been a lover of science. I believe this book is great for students to be introduced to the human

body. Even though it's a fiction book due to the fact a school bus obviously can not shrink and go inside the body, it's got several real facts about the human body inside. This would be a great book to grab children's attention in the science area.

Kiefer Hwasta says

It is part of the Magic School Bus series. Check out my review on Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth to find out more about the series. In this one, Ms Frizzle shrinks the school bus and goes inside Arnold's body. They learn how the human digestive system, nervous system, circulatory system and how muscles work.

I liked it because it was funny that Arnold could feel them inside his body. I learned about the human body, it is educational and funny.

Samantha Mcdowell says

I loved this book! They are always so creative and Ms. Frizzle is a crazy character that I think younger kids will love. I would use this book with 3-4th grade because it is a fun book, but the content is a little too advanced for the really young ones to understand like blood cells and the chambers of the heart.

The cover of the book shows the bus and the kids going through something in the body which would draw kids in because it seems very unrealistic and like an adventure. There are end pages too that have things on them from different books like a planet from outer space, a toucan, and a cloud for weather. The pictures in this book are great because they are so detailed. They are two page spreads that show what everyone is doing. All of the kids express their personalities through their thoughts, Ms. Frizzle explains things, and it really illustrates what parts of the body they are going through. The text in this book is fun to read because all the characters talk. This is a book that could be read aloud but I think kids need to read it on their own too to be able to get the full effect of the illustrations because it is so detailed. It also has science information on some of the sides.

I liked that in the back of this book it had questions relating to what they should have just learned from the book and on the next page they can check to see if their answers were correct.

I think these books are also fun to do because you can enhance the learning with a video since the magic school bus was made into a cartoon series. I always enjoyed these books and learned more from them than I realized. The information is presented in a fun way that makes it feel like you arent even learning, just reading a good story!

Steven says

Like many this is an American book, but unlike lots of others it doesn't pretend to be anything else. Far beyond the differences between English and American children this book opens up a plethora of learning opportunities for primary school aged children.

The book immediately draws you in with beautiful imagery and well designed characterisation, using both good language and comedy appropriate to primary aged children.

The story follows a class who have a magical teacher, she manages to shrink their school bus and instead of going on the planned trip they end up inside the body of one of the children in the class.

This idea allows children to enjoy reading and learn all about the human body in a very simple, fun and accessible way. The fantastic illustrations not only support the story but add to it to end.

A fantastic book, well done Joanna Cole I really love your books.

Siobhan says

A wonderful read from my childhood, one I'd certainly suggest for other youngsters. Whilst it is not my all-time favourite childhood read I can still recall all the details of this one meaning it certainly left a lasting impression upon my young mind.

And isn't that what we want with children's books, for them to leave a positive lasting impression?

Emily Smith says

The second non-fiction book I chose to review was *The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* by Joanna Cole. The Magic School Bus series are science fiction books. There are true facts in the books but it is also impossible to have the adventures that the class have. There are books about entering a human body, traveling through the solar system, visiting inside a beehive, and traveling back in time to see the dinosaurs, just to name a few. This book starts off with Ms. Frizzle's class learning about the human body. They are all worried because Ms. Frizzle is the weirdest teacher at school and her lessons can be weird. The next day, the class goes on a field trip to the science center to learn all about the human body. After lunch, Ms. Frizzle decides to take the class on another field trip. She pushes a button in the bus and the bus and the class start shrinking and spinning very quickly. They end up being eaten by somebody in their class and travel all through his body. First, they travel down the esophagus and land in his stomach. In the stomach, the class learns all about the digestion track. Next, comes the small intestine that are lined with blood vessels. They travel through the blood vessels all the way to the heart. They learn all about the chambers of the heart. From the heart, they travel to the lungs. After the lungs, they went to the brain. The brain is full of nerve cells that are constantly sending messages to every body part we have. They exited the brain by sliding down the spine. The spine is what keeps our bodies upright. From the spine, they travel down to the legs. In the legs, they all got back onto the bus and made their way to the nasal cavity. Luckily, the student sneezed and they were blown right out of the nose. At the end of the day, the class went back to the classroom and made a life size drawing of the human body with many details. All in all, everyone had a great day of learning. This book is for intermediate and advanced readers. The book is jammed packed with a lot of information but it can be confusing for younger readers. Every inch of the page is covered in words or pictures. There are a lot of colors on every page. There are word bubbles and thinking bubbles on most of the pages which makes it a bit squished together. The lines and shapes are all blended together. On a page, there is also little pieces of notebook paper filled with even more facts. The illustrations are very lifelike creating a nice medium for the pages. I do recommend this book but with caution. There is a ton of information throughout the whole book which is wonderful but it can get very confusing. Along with the actual story, the students are also talking to one another through word bubbles. So the book is very useful for scientific purposes but it is also jumbled with all the words and pictures.

Logan says

The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body is a children's book. A class of elementary students is on a field trip when they stop for lunch. Their bus shrinks down and they are swallowed, so they get a real look at the inside of the human body. The students experience what happens inside of people during digestion. Ms. Frizzle's class is never a normal one. The book is a good way for younger kids to learn science in a fun way.

Ms. Frizzle is the teacher in The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body. She is not your typical teacher who students think is lame and boring. Ms. Frizzle is a fun, sometimes crazy person. She is very enthusiastic about science.

I recommend this book to boys and girls in elementary school. I think kindergarten to third graders would be best, but other age groups may enjoy it as well. I gave this book three stars, because it is an entertaining read.

Arian Walker says

Genre: Informational

Unique feature: What is unique about this book is that it presents information to the reader through a story! This makes the text interesting to read- you get to follow the storyline while learning a thing or two about the human body.

Grades: 2-4
