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Floating In Space (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)



Synopsis

Don't jump! If you're on the space shuttle, that is. Astronauts never jump in space. They usually drink out of straws, and they lift tons of equipment as if it were light as air. Find out more in this information-packed voyage into space.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2?These titles provide brief yet clear information on their respective topics. Day Light discusses the nature of light, darkness, and seeing, and the role heat plays in generating light. Floating in Space discusses how astronauts move and cope with weightlessness in space. Amusing illustrations, verbal and pictorial, demonstrate how gravity works. Children will find much of the information both entertaining and interesting, such as the way astronauts eat with magnetized trays that hold utensils in place. Full-color paintings illustrate the first title and softly colored cartoons enhance the latter. Both are worthy additions to collections that need science materials for early grades.?Katherine Borchert, Arlington Central Library, VACopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

In this Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science entry, Branley (see review, above) takes readers on a space shuttle mission, from blast-off to touchdown, but focusing mainly on life in orbit. As he points out, "zero gravity" is a misnomer--but only barely; so negligible is gravitational pull that astronauts temporarily grow an inch or so as their joints relax, are able to stand on the walls and ceiling, have to learn new ways to eat, sleep, and use the toilet, and must be very careful about stowing small objects before re-entry. In Kelley's cheerful watercolors, smiling space travelers--including one woman--bounce around the shuttle's cabin and suit up for extra vehicular tasks while back on Earth, a young girl eagerly tracks the flight on television. While in the claim that heavy equipment--even the 12-ton Hubble telescope--can be lifted in space, Branley oversimplifies the effects of inertia and momentum, his choice of detail about conditions in space will surprise and delight readers. (Picture book/nonfiction. 7-9) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My first graders were enthralled by this text, which is kind of surprising since there are no photos, really. Good intro and inviting to discuss the moon.

We did a space theme with our almost 4 year old, and this was one of the great books we found. If you like Brian Floca's Moonshot, I'd guess this one will be a hit too. We enjoyed the detailed information on eating, living, and working in space. There's also a section on repairing the Hubble Space Telescope. Other great ones are Brian Floca's Moonshot and Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System.

We are huge fans of the "Let's Read and Find Out Science" series, and were very excited to stumble upon this one. Franklyn Branley is one of our favorite LRFOS authors. This book does not disappoint. Astronomy was his life, and it shines through in this book. We also love the related LRFOS series books he wrote: Mission to Mars, What the Moon is Like, and The International Space Station. (great collection, and a great deal, especially if runs the 4-for-3 special)

Love these books! Purchased a gift for a five year old.

My 3 1/2 year old son is going to be an astronaut for Halloween, in part because of this book! :) This book launched his fascination with space 3 months ago, and his interest is growing stronger still. He can't get enough about it!

I got these books for my 6 year old grandson he's loves any space he stated reading them right away

grandkids love it

Educational book, my 3 year old finds it entertaining.

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