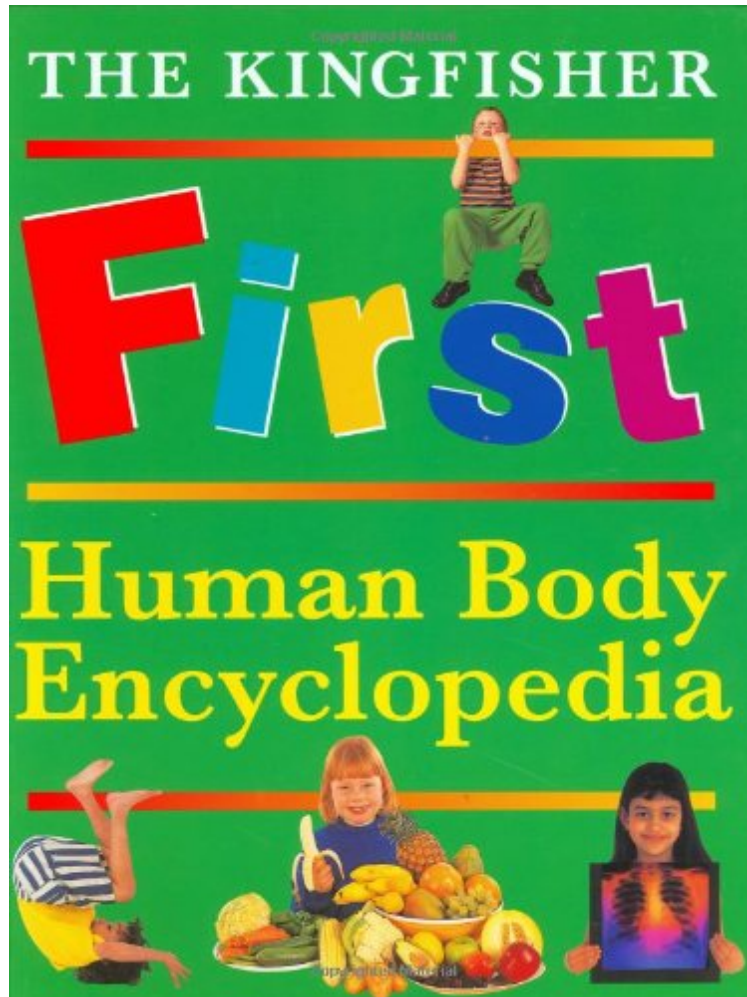


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65 of 65 people found the following review helpful. Most excellent purchase! By Sherry S. I actually first looked at this book just because it only had a one star rating and I wondered why. When I learned that, it was because it had children's level sex ed I bought it immediately. My 5 year old was trying to figure out what a birthday was for and I needed a little visual assist to help him understand that he came from my belly on that day. Really, the sex ed of this book is perfect for small children. It shows a big blow up of an egg surrounded by sperm. It has two basic anatomy

drawings of what is in a woman and what is in a man with no deep detail; they are small and dull in comparison to the Sperm and Egg multicolor blow up of a microscope picture. It shows on the next two pages a baby developing in the womb. It's just drawings and it has an ultra sound of the profile of a baby's head. Nothing about how the baby gets in there, nothing about how it comes out, just very basic things a small child can understand (I highly recommend it for the 5 year old set). It is very colorful and shows much of the anatomy in relation to children's bodies. The whole book is wonderful. It is drawings and pictures of all the major systems of the body. They are detailed enough that you can see all the stuff that is under our skin, but it is written simply. On the muscles of the face, rather than name them they say, "These muscles make you blink, these muscles make you smile." Very kid friendly and related to questions kids will ask. This is good for a beginner reader who is old enough to be curious about how the body works. It also has little boxes at the bottom of many pages with experiments that kids can do to give hands on visuals about the lessons presented. My son has been fascinated by it since it arrived and looks through it at least once a day. He spends time marveling at the pictures and how cool people are on the inside. There is nothing gruesome in it though it does broach things like available artificial body parts. I guess it could be useful in explaining Grandma or Grandpa's operation. What I like the most is, it has real anatomical pictures with captions that are kid friendly and easy to understand. I highly recommend this for small children so long as you are comfortable with them knowing about all of their body parts and not just some of them.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Very good book
By Linda Noullet
I am using this for our health book this year for my 9 year old and 6 year old. Very good and works well for their ages. I did however take note of the other reviews and black sharpie marked out the section on Sex. Sometimes my 9 year old will take books and read them without my being around. So I did not want this read when I was not there. No big deal. I love the pictures. My kids get grossed out but love it. Especially the picture of a bug that lives on your skin! They often make me turn back to that page and squeal. But it is very great and I recommend it!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beginner's biology
By J.G.C.
Great first encyclopedia. I loved the 'quiz' at the end and the vocab. Perfect for elementary kids just starting out with science.

This informative and activity-filled reference introduces younger children to human biology in a lively and accessible way. The book's thematic structure makes it easy for young readers to understand the various systems and organs that make up the body. Dozens of activities and experiments, including - Keeping a food diary (to analyze diet) - provide children with the opportunity to reinforce newly learned information. Full-color spreads address the questions that fascinate children, such as: What are we made of?, Why do we need to sleep?, and How do we breathe? A reference section at the back of the book includes a glossary, an index, and an 'Amazing facts' section. Special Features: Over 1,000 appealing, colorful photographs and illustrations. Clear and easy-to-understand definitions. Related activities and projects. Vocabulary carefully chosen for the 5-8 yr. reading level. Cross-references encourage further exploration.

From Library Journal
Grade 3-5-Earning high marks for visual appeal, this introduction to human anatomy features photos of bright-faced children posed on every page, along with plenty of informative, color-enhanced views of insides and outsides. The arrangement is topical, tending toward the one-topic-per-spread format but with larger subjects given more space; one spread is devoted to the structure of the human hand, the nervous system gets four (five if you count one on "Sleep"), and reproduction, from "Egg and Sperm" to "Similarities," takes up six. The text is blocked into scattered paragraphs of, at most, a half dozen sentences, and for all its brevity is pleasantly precise and specific, e.g., "In the cortex and medulla [of the kidney] there are about one million tiny filtering units called nephrons." Each spread includes cross-references, and many also feature simple demonstrations or activities. Concluding with a gathering of surprising facts, a glossary, a three-page quiz ("Your lungs are spongy because they are filled with millions of tiny air bags called: a) alveoli; b) ravioli; c) aioli"), and a spare but not perfunctory index, this engaging alternative to Steve Parker's *Human Body* (DK, 1993) and like surveys will enhance young inquirers' understanding of, and appreciation for, their marvelous bodies.

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This richly illustrated book with numerous color illustrations and photographs introduces the human body to young people and provides activities children can participate in to learn more about the body...Younger children will find the pictures themselves very interesting, and those same pictures can provide the basis for adult explanations. Older children will be able to read and interact with the book on their own. At \$16.95, the book would be a very worthwhile addition to a library collection for children or for parents and children to share as part of a home library.

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