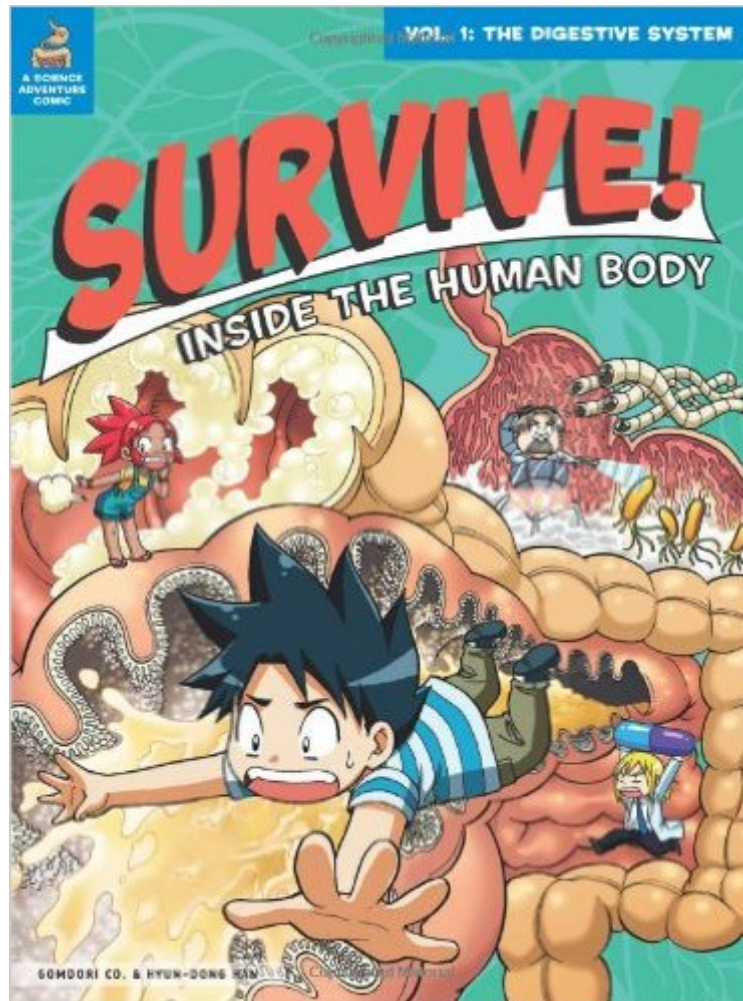


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Survive! Inside The Human Body, Vol. 1: The Digestive System



Synopsis

"From volcanic burps to colonic bacteria, this comic-book ride through the human digestive system is a delirious joy." *Nature* Survive! Inside the Human Body, Volume 1 begins an epic journey through the human body with a look at the digestive system. This lively, full-color science comic explores Phoebe's insides after she accidentally swallows a microscopic ship. The only problem? Dr. Brain (the ship's eccentric inventor) and Phoebe's friend Geo are on board! Geo and Dr. Brain must avoid danger at every turn—like hazardous stomach acid and feeding parasites. (Ew!) Will they escape? You've got a front-row seat as they travel through Phoebe's esophagus, stomach, and intestines. For ages 8+

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Customer Reviews

It is rare to find books that teach science and are engaging *without sacrificing one for the other*. Survive! trilogy does this with each book focusing on one part of the body. Volume 1 focused on the digestive system, volume 2 explores the circulatory system, and volume 3 takes a tour of the nervous system. Dr. Brain, a grey-haired bumbling scientist, invents a ship that looks like a virus and can be miniaturized to explore the body. Dr. Brain and Geo, a self-proclaimed *Master of Survival* who lives as much by his wit as by luck, are inside the miniaturized ship when

Phoebe inadvertently consumes it with cookies. All the adventures take place inside Phoebe's body as Geo and Dr. Brain try to dodge the perils they face (such as stomach acid, white blood cells, electric storms produced by firing neurons, and other internal dangers), anticipate upcoming dangers and potential ways to get out of Phoebe. All the while Kay, Dr. Brain's high-strung pony-tailed assistant, tries to get the duo out of Phoebe so they can be restored to normal size. The in-body adventure is action-packed, light-hearted and fun. Anatomical graphics are true representations of our bodies. Hence readers learn not only through the story's narrative, but also through the full-color pictures. At the end of each chapter is a two-page spread that summarizes key points of the chapter to help more serious readers focus on key concepts covered in the story. Overall, the trilogy is appropriate for middle-school and high-school students, but may be too basic for college students. Nevertheless, it is fun to read for any age-group. I would like to thank No Starch Press for sending me review copies of this trilogy.

We used this book to supplement a unit on the digestive system. My 9 yo thought it was a blast, and asked for the next volume as soon as he finished. The book was thorough and provided good factual knowledge along with an exciting story.

Survive: Inside the Human body is a fun way to learn about how the body works. In this first installment of the series, after being shrunk and accidentally eaten, Geo and Dr. Brain must fight their way through Phoebe's digestive system without falling prey to stomach acid or parasites and without harming Phoebe. The book is drawn in a clean anime style and is fun to read while being extremely educational. It's been a long time since I took high school biology, so I learned a lot from reading this book; at the same time, I expect it would be accessible to children (the recommended age is 8 and up, although it has it as 7 and up). Every so often there's a break from the story for several pages of more in-depth detail on the body part we're currently traveling through, which I imagine the youngest readers might decide to skip. The book has a fair number of "Really? Ewww!" moments (this IS the digestive system, after all) that kids will get a real kick out of. The translation is excellent, with none of the lingual artifacts you often find in translated works. Highly recommended. Disclosure: I received a free review copy of this book for Vulcan Ears Book Reviews, where this review originally appeared.

I read this not knowing what to expect having never read anything similar. But I ended up being totally taken with it: the combination of very factual interludes and the adventure story of the ship

inside the girl's body worked very well. Of course, the story is derivative of Asimov's "Fantastic Voyage" but that doesn't detract from the story here. The only thing I found odd in the entire book was that when the girl finally poops her poop is showed pixelated. I wasn't sure why that was, perhaps some cultural taboo. Seemed very odd after having been treated to a close up of the entire digestive process! Despite this being aimed at children (because of the simple story line), I found it engaging and funny. Recommended for any child in the 9 to 12 age range that's fascinated by how the body works.

More correctly, a manhwa book (Korean comics) this first volume of the Survive! series is a translation of a best selling science comic book series from South Korea. Translated carefully and reviewed by doctors this book manages to be educational, entertaining and a winning draw for the teens and preteens of today. This is a sizeable volume (180 pages) of full color comics describing the adventures of Geo and Dr Brain as they travel through their friend, Phoebe's, digestive tract after she accidentally swallows a microscopic ship. Definite similarities to the magic school bus series where, I believe, Ralphie swallows the bus - but that is a whole different story. My 9 year old will no longer watch or read the magic school bus series and this book is terrific in how it presents scientifically accurate information in an enthralling text. The illustrations are gorgeous and the information is much more in depth than anything the Magic school bus presented. The book is divided into 12 chapters and includes nutrition, digestion in the mouth (with a section on the right way to brush your teeth!), travels down from the pharynx to the stomach and beyond. Interspersed between the chapters are two page spreads of detailed information with only a few illustrations where the authors bring the information together. This is done intelligently with simple explanations that do not talk down to the reader. There is some potty humor (really, what can you expect from a book about digestion!?!) but overall it is an intelligent explanation of the digestive tract. Spoiler warning : The story does not end with this book! There is a transition to the Circulatory system at the end of the book where it summarily ends leaving the reader hanging. So your kids are going to be begging for volume 2 the minute they get to the end of this book. And the minute they finish volume 2, they will be begging for Volume 3 which concludes the story. My kids sat and read it end to end the minute I put it in their hands and, based on that and the content, I would call it a perfect success!

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