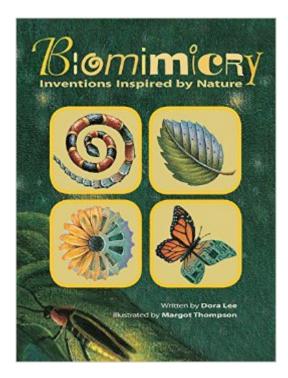
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Biomimicry: Inventions Inspired By Nature





Synopsis

Biomimicry examines the extraordinary innovations of the natural world and the human inventions they have inspired. Readers will learn about marvels such as high-performance swimsuits modeled after sharkskin and the sleek front ends of Japanese bullet trains based on the long, streamlined beak of the kingfisher. There's also plenty about what glimmers on the horizon: A Brazilian beetle may be key to developing computers that run on light, and the gecko's humble foot may hold the secret to revolutionizing the way surgical wounds are closed. Best of all, nature's inventions are lean, green machines that are self-sustaining and generate zero waste --- yet another cue humans are taking from the natural world. Astounding facts, easy-to-understand prose and luminous illustrations bring the wonders of nature into the science lab.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book would be wonderful for kids, or even for an adult who yearns for the days of the How and Why types of wonderbooks. It introduces the relatively new field of biomimicry-- the study of animals to understand their engineering specialties, in a concise, readable, and understandable way. Although it is aimed at small children, I pass this one around in my 300-level invertebrate zoology class on the first day. The simplicity assures my students that the ideas are not too complex, and it helps them to understand that zoology is more than simply a course they need to get through. It's a

course that can help them find an organism that sparks excitement by its abilities..

A bit hokey on the whole "Mother Nature" stuff (may as well go whole-hog and call her Gaia, eh?), but science has interesting things to teach us about solving problems in new (old) and natural ways. This is an exciting book, with lots of well-written information and clever illustrations. Could this book give your young scientists great ideas for science fair projects? Yes, indeed.Great vocabulary in this book, including: amino acids, antibiotics, autism, bactreia, biomimicry, camouflage, decompose...

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Reviews had led me to believe this was a serious book covering biomimicry in its various forms. It's a childrens book, so just be aware of that before you purchase.

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