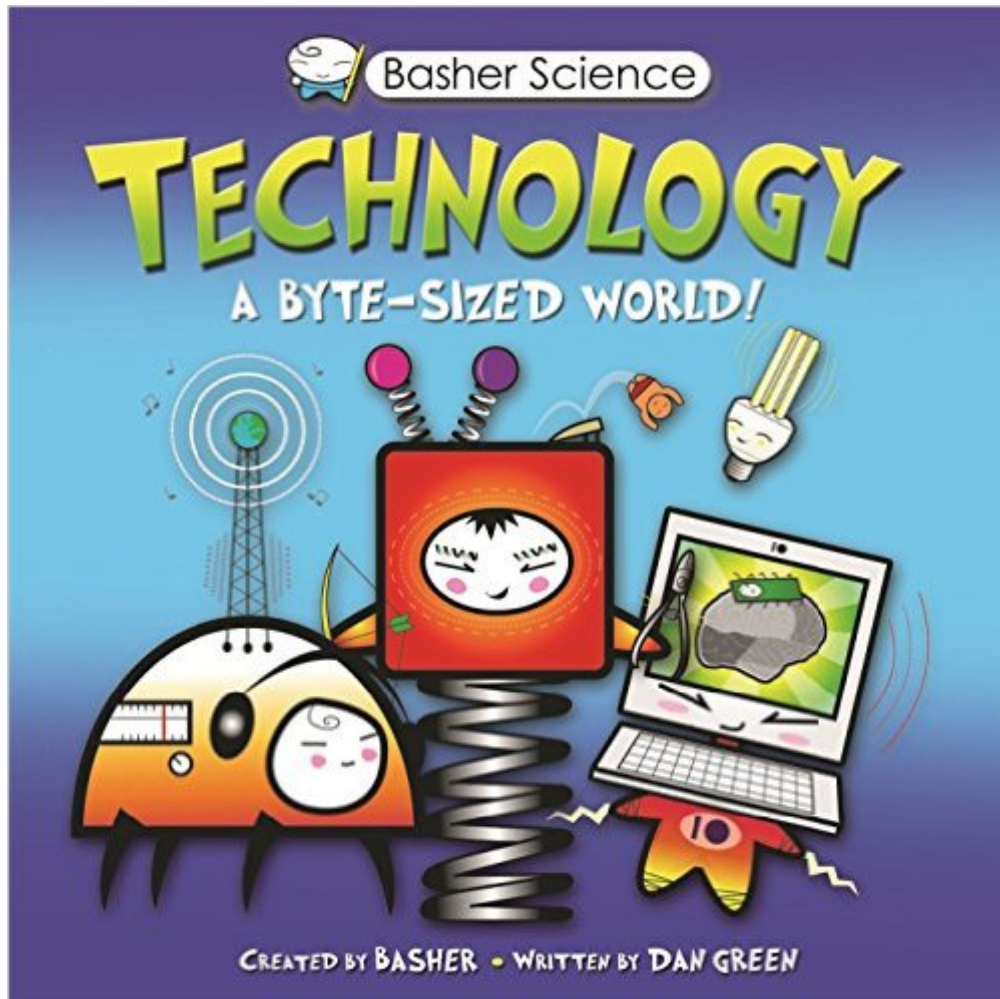


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Basher Science: Technology: A Byte-sized World!



Synopsis

Basher Science: Technology, A byte-sized world! created and illustrated by Simon Basher, written by Dan Green From the bestselling illustrator whose friendly take on science has revolutionized our understanding of everything from the periodic table to the universe, comes a fresh take on technology as only Basher can do it. Discover the secrets behind the devices we take for granted, and learn about the amazing inventions that have transformed our lives. From the Movers and Shakers who power our physical world, to the Gizmos, Home Bodies, and High Rollers who power our vehicles, entertainment, and smartphonesâ and pretty much everything else around usâ •Technology is a compelling guide to the big-bytes whiz-kids, powerhouse motors, and other characters who drive our inventive, highly engineered world.

Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

Customer Reviews

My 12 y.o. loves all of the Basher Science books and this one is no different. I haven't personally read them so I can't give any opinion except to say that he has 6-7 of them that he's collected over the past few years and enjoys reading them. If you have a child that's interested in science/math/technology, the entire series is great!

This review applies to MOST of the Basher books as they all seem to share the same mix of

excellence and failure. First, these books are GREAT in that they present some of the terminology/jargon of the subject matter in a way that seems to interest small children! (in my experience, ages 4-7 seems about right) This is actually a BIG DEAL, as the books reliably deal in wonderfully important subjects. For this, I highly recommend them and thank the authors and publishers for their effort! However... there are two ways in which I find these books to be terribly disappointing: 1) The attempts to make each entry clever and fun raise the effective reading level high above the target audience. Clever puns and delightfully descriptive diatribes do not go over so well with young children just beginning to read. My six year old is completely ready for the subject matter, but struggles to the point of giving up (!!) trying to manage the prose. 2) IMHO, the attempts at fun language and clever characterizations often work to obscure the simplicity of the subject matter at hand. As a scientist who understands many of the concepts under discussion, I often find myself marveling at how these descriptions express an opaque and incomprehensible version of what are fundamentally simple ideas. *sigh* Basher Guys... I LOVE what you are trying to do. IMHO, if you can find a way to simplify the prose, and not let "characterizations" get in the way of "simple explanations", then you will be changing the WORLD!! So despite my reservations... BUY THESE BOOKS!... I think that as long as they use it to try to do better, these guys have TOTALLY earned our income!!

With colorful illustrations, *Technology*, by Dan Green, is a fresh look at mechanics, hydraulics, radio & television signals, electrical energy, communications, materials, technological products and how we use these ideas to maintain our civilization. The book targets 10-year olds, but can be enlightening for older youngsters as well as enrichment for grades two through five. It is easy reading, yet sophisticated enough to be packed with understandable and useful information. In the back, a foldout diagram illustrates the book's contents in a simplified and organized manner, providing a handy, easily digestible reference. With an easy-to-use index and a comprehensive glossary, *Technology* is ready to enrich grade-schoolers in the 21st Century.

All of the books in this series are outstanding. They are spectacular in design and teach highly complex concepts to very young children. My daughter was naming her favorite elements from the periodic table at 4 years old because she was so intrigued with the way the information is presented. These books are also excellent in that you can introduce the information to a young child and the child can also use these books as reminders and reference guides in later years. Additionally, they come with informative posters that are constant reminders of the facts.

Perfect for young minds to grasp what makes technology do what it does. I love the way the information is categorized and illustrated. It's a good way to hook young learners and get them more excited about understanding the nuts and bolts of something they are already into (what kid doesn't like technology, right?).

I am an adult, and to my amazement, "Technology," a book published in 2012, had no female characters -- with one possible exception. Some examples: The author refers to the Movers-n-Shakers, Mega-Movers groups, the toilet and the telephone as "guys"; to gears & springs, microchips and rotors as "fellows"; to the radio, the digital camera, the 3-D printer and plastics as "dudes"; to steel as "the man of steel"; to the refrigerator as "the king of cool"; to the battery as a "portable prince"; and to the ion as "ion man." The possible exception: The author refers to the robot as "Cinderella," a character whose value as a female role model remains controversial. Ironically, some of the best characters in the book have no gender. Unfortunately, the same blatant lack of female characters marks some of the other otherwise highly interesting books in the Basher series, "Physics" among them. To be fair, I have not read them all. Nevertheless, I think that the publishers have no interest in inspiring young budding female scientists. I encourage Basher to publish a revised series that will address this problem.

I have a second grader and he loves these books!! Definitely recommend buying them for your child. Nice job Dan Green!

We have them all and he loves them all. Started buying when he was 7. If you have a science lover go for it.

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