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Organs! How They Work, Fall Apart, and Can Be Replaced (Gasp!)

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Parker, Nancy Winslow. *Organs! How They Work, Fall Apart, and Can Be Replaced (Gasp!)*.
Nancy Winslow Parker. Greenwillow, 2009. ISBN 9780688151058. \$17.99. 48 p.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway

Reading level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational

Subject: Organs (Anatomy)--Juvenile Literature; Books--Reviews;

Inspired by surgery and her own lack of knowledge about the human body, Parker, who has been writing and illustrating children's books for more than 35 years, has created a thoroughly engaging basic anatomy book. Using humor and facts, she takes young readers on an exploration of vital organs and systems of the body. The addition of simple stories about characters and their organs reinforce and personalize the particulars. With black pen, colored pencil, and watercolor, Parker creates bright, simple illustrations to add details to the text. Colorful sidebars insert yet more information.

Useful back material includes a list of websites, a glossary, and an index. Children who aspiring to be doctors and nurses will soak in this book and may venture into the recommended websites. *Organs!* is fun enough for family read-aloud time, a stellar choice for the elementary science classroom, and a must-purchase for school and public libraries.

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