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Book Review

Title: Curious George Discovers the Sun

Author: H. A. Rey

Reviewer: Liz Kazandzhy

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Publication Year: 2015 ISBN: 9780544430679 Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding



Review

On a hot summer day, George the monkey learns about the sun and all the neat things it can do. When a power outage occurs in the city due to a heat wave, George and the man with the yellow hat walk to the nearby museum and discover that it miraculously still has electricity! Professor Wiseman shows George and the man solar panels on the roof that power the building. George later tries using the sun to recharge his toys at home, but to no avail. However, he comes up with a brilliant idea to make a solar cooker to prepare lasagna for a party that night, and everyone at the party loves it.

Like other Curious George Discovers books, this book provides an interesting plot with lovable characters as well as an educational experience for any reader (children and adults alike). The text is easy to read and well-organized, and the illustrations are bright and crisp and fit perfectly with the story line, much like in the Curious George TV series. Several pages also include "Did you know...?" side panels with photos and fun scientific facts, and there are "Test it out!" boxes too that provide simple instructions for the reader to perform real experiments like George does. Other interesting facts, ideas, and experiments are found at the end of the book along with a glossary. Overall, this book is upbeat and interesting and surely fulfills its goal of making learning fun.

