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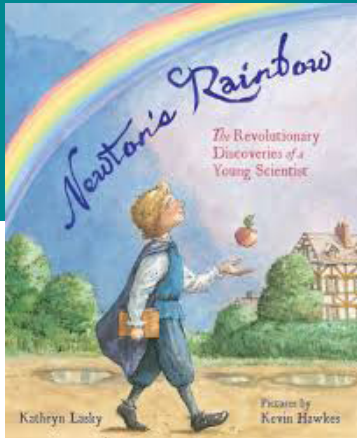
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Newton's life is chronicled in this book. He was born to a poor farm family, but after his step father died went of to school where he lived with the Clarks" who were the town apothecaries. He built and tinkered, building water clocks, mini windmills, and a rudimentary crank powered cart. He was then called back home to help on the farm but was a terrible farmer. His schoolmaster was able to convince his parents to let him go to college. In college he worked for professors and rich students to pay his way. He studied everything. The book talks about his time in Cambridge college before it ends with the classic tale of Newton sitting under a tree and having an apple fall on his head. He then created his theory about gravity. He completed many experiments to help prove his theory. He lived to be eighty-four but kept his ideas to himself and most of his work wasn't know until after he had died.

Contrary to how the summary of this book seems, that really is a super shortened version of this book. While this book contains really interesting information about the legend known as Isaac Newton, it is terribly lengthy. The high level of reading words places this book at more of a high middle school to first year of high school book than a younger reader. There is a lot of text per page and most of it is chronicling, in detail, parts of Newton's life. The illustrations are gorgeous and the book is really well researched and done, but it's just too lengthy. It's unnumbered pages makes it feel more like a chapter book with huge pictures rather than a good succinct book for children.

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