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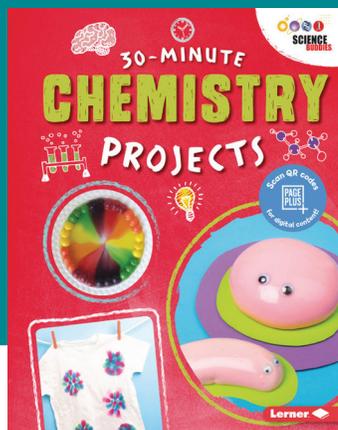
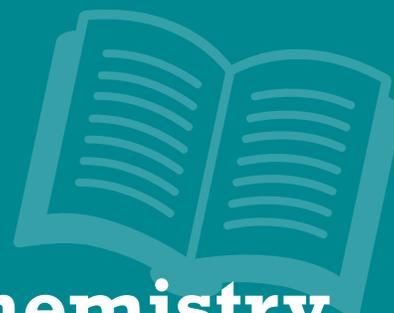
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Book Review

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Dependable

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This how-to book explains what chemistry is and why safety is important, and then gives step-by-step directions for eleven different projects. One project directs readers to make Magic Dough with just eight basic materials and six simple directions. With each project, there is a “Science Takeaway,” which includes information about the chemistry behind it. At the end, the book includes a glossary with science terms, a QR code where children can find additional chemistry projects, and a list of websites for more science information.

While this book works to make chemistry fun through the completion of projects, it is somewhat of a disappointment since many of the projects are ones that readers have already heard of or completed in school or at home. Also, some of the projects require materials that would be difficult to obtain, like granular, activated carbon or an ultraviolet black light. However, what makes this book interesting is that it points out the science present in every activity. For example, in the project called Candy Rainbow, children will watch the color withdraw from Skittles onto a plate to make a rainbow effect. Children learn that due to the high and low concentration of molecules, the dye will spread faster or slower toward the center.