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Exploratopia

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Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate
Rating: Outstanding
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Murphy and the staff of San Francisco's Exploratorium have compiled more than 400 kid-friendly experiments and explorations for curious young minds. Organized in three parts (Exploring Yourself, Exploring Interesting Places, and Exploring Interesting Stuff), activities include material lists (Here's What You Need), instructions (Here's What You Do), and explanations (What's Going On?). From amusement parks to eyes to music to money, most kids will find something that will spark their interests and engage their brains and senses.

Simple illustrations and color photographs enhance instructions and explanations. An index allows readers to quickly locate activities, but many young readers will enjoy browsing this book. A first priority choice for school, public, and home libraries. Elementary science teachers will find dozens of ways to enliven the science curriculum.