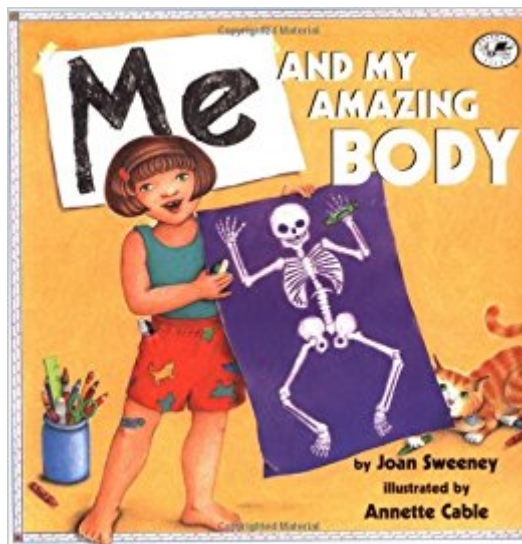


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# Me And My Amazing Body



## Synopsis

Now in paperback! A super-simple introduction to the human body from the author and illustrator of *Me on the Map*. What is under your skin? Why do you have bones? What do your muscles do? Where does the food that you eat go? *Me and My Amazing Body* can show you! From your head to your toes and everything in between, this playful introduction to anatomy explains all the important parts of your body. Easy to read and easy to understand, *Me and My Amazing Body* helps children appreciate everything their amazing bodies can do.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-In this delightful concept book, a girl gives readers a guided tour of her "amazing body," illustrated with colorful cartoon art. The child talks about the parts of the body that she can see, but mostly about those she can't. She describes the functions of her skin, bones, muscles, brain, blood, heart, lungs, and stomach in an engaging and accessible way. For example, when discussing muscles, the girl states that, "They stretch and shrink like rubber bands." She says that her heart is "like my own little engine." The book ends with the affirmation that while everyone's body is similar, each individual is unique. A page of "Amazing Body Facts" is appended. The drawings are scientifically sound and well incorporated into the picture-book format. An informative and enjoyable title. Susan Knell, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS Copyright 2000 Reed

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With a lively text and simple, colorful illustrations, this picture book explains a lot of human anatomy and physiology to young children. What's more, Sweeney makes it a continuous story. A girl talks about her skin; then beneath her skin are her bones (and she talks about them); attached to her bones are her muscles, which move because her brain tells them to; and her brain and body need energy, which they get from the blood. . . . The pictures of the child, inside and out, are as clear and informative as the words, showing how the parts of the body work and the connections between them. The casual tone ("My brain is the boss of my body") never condescends; in fact, children will feel the wonder of the scientific story that builds to the amazing climax: every person in the world has a body that's very much the same, but every person is also very different. Hazel Rochman

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We've had this book for a while, but tonight is the first time my toddler has asked me to read it for bedtime. It covers all the basics without getting gross. It mentions cuts and bleeding, it's in a reassuring way to let them know their body makes plenty of blood. It's more documentary than story, so maybe a story book after would feel more like pre bed feel goods than this one.

Love this author and her books.

Of all the "about the human body" books I have ever read to kids, this has always been a favorite. The illustrations along with the interesting, yet simply put facts seems to really appeal to kids. Purchased it for my own daughter for that reason.

My 5 year old granddaughter didn't like this book at all, nor did I. The illustrations are kind of creepy as another reviewer mentioned - at the very least they have no personality. The writing is pedestrian and makes a fascinating subject boring. Here are a few sample sentences: "Skin comes in many different colors. It holds my body together and lets me feel things, like my kitty's soft fur or the prickly spikes of my cactus. Ouch!" "Every part of my body works together to keep me going and keep me growing. And someday I'll be all grown up! Isn't it amazing?" She needs those exclamation points because there is no excitement conveyed in the words. Kids deserve better. The Let's Read and Find Out Science Series has better books on some of these subject such as the skeleton, blood circulation, digestion etc. I bought the book because of the great reviews and was sorely

disappointed.

My son suddenly seemed caught up in wanting to know what other kids bodies looked like. I would catch him and his friends showing off their parts. I was more than a little concerned! Then I learned this is normal. He is curious and needs information. We started with this book and I got every book I could on body development. I read the books to him and asked for his questions. The behaviour completely stopped when he got the right information. I'm very thankful for this book.

At the moment my 5 year old daughter is fascinated with the workings of the body - she says she wants to be a surgeon! I got this for her, and it does contains lots of basic and informative information about human anatomy and the systems that run the body. My only complaint, and it is a pretty big one, is that the illustrations actually creep me out. My daughter does not voice this opinion, but she was reserved in her reaction to the book. The illustrations are supposed to look like a child has drawn them with crayon, but they are presented as drawings of the very same girl who narrates the book, but she is missing her face, or her face is part skull, etc. It just struck me as a bit jarring, and I'll be interested to look at other books for the same age group on this topic. Also, the reproductive system is conveniently skipped, which would be of enormous interest to the kids, but force the folks to have a longer bed time story!

look out for faceless beings. each page has a person with just skin and no face. THis creeped my little one out. Until we played a guess what is missing game. The true gem in this book for me, was all the parts she knows are in there but is now getting to find out. It is so much fun to watch her learn. The brain was the most important as one day soon I will need to let her know that her family member has a degenerative brain disease and she will know where it is and that she won't be able to catch it like a cold.

My son took a bones class at our local rec center and seemed to be interested in learning more about what is inside his body. He is 5 and this is written at a good level. Not too many words on the page and the illustrations are not too detailed. He picks the book as a bedtime story and pays attention to all the pages. It includes concepts of bones, skin, blood, lungs, brain, heart, etc. Nicely done for the younger crowd.

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