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# MythBusters: Don't Try This At Home



## **Synopsis**

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## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman are the Mythbusters starring in the eponymous Discovery Channel show and their images embellish the cover of this colorful paperback authored by popular

science writer Packard. Fifteen intriguing episodes that challenge commonly held myths and urban legends have been excerpted from the broadcasts and incorporated here. Does running in the rain keep you drier than walking? Does a sinking ship pull swimmers down with it? Along with careful scientific scrutiny of these questions, lots of good-natured humor, witty props, and gadgets are employed to enthrall youthful readers. Each chapter includes a guide for safe "at home" experiments along with a brainbuster quiz challenging commonly held notions about the subject. Of course, answers are provided at the back, along with a glossary, an index, and a listing of web sites. The comic-book layout with its incandescent palette of reds, yellows, and brilliant blues should be graphically appealing to the visually oriented preadolescent population. Suitable for all public and junior high-school libraries. •Rita Hoots, Woodland Coll., CA (Library Journal, March 15, 2006)

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My 10 year old is a huge Mythbusters fan.... this book was great for him!!

I gave this to my rocket-scientist brother but it was my 4th grade nephew who ran off with the book. I would say that it is really designed for middle-school students? The nephew liked it. Makes a great gift when enclosed with two dozen bottles of Diet Coke and six rolls of Mentos!

We purchased this book for our highly inquisitive grandson when he was seven. He thoroughly enjoyed it. (And, possibly, tried an experiment or two under supervision.)

Bought the book to get it signed by Jamie. Happy.

Purchased as a Christmas gift for my husband who really enjoys the Myth Busters television series. Good item. Thanks.

One reviewer mentioned to give this book w/ a 6-pack of Diet Coke & a box of Mentos... which I did. This book does not mention the Diet Coke/Mentos reaction! So if the book reader watches the show (or YouTube) they will know what to do. But don't expect this book to tell you about that particular experiment. Otherwise, a great read. My 11 y/o son likes it.

Purchased this book for my daughter, who is a MythBuster fanatic. She loves the book and we have been working through the experiments. Some are easy and some complicated. It is a perfect book for her and any Jr. MythBuster.

I did not know for sure what to expect with this book. Turns out it's a great one for family projects. It gives a good number of great ideas for things kids CAN do, but of course it advises parental participation. It should easily spark or encourage an interest in science.

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