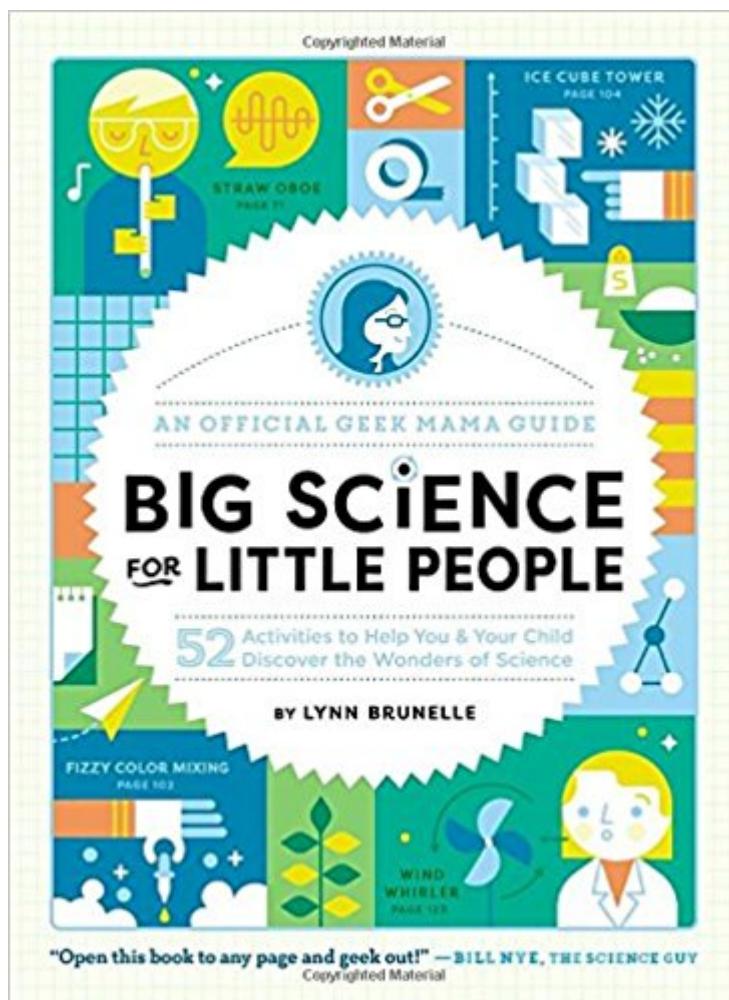


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# Big Science For Little People: 52 Activities To Help You And Your Child Discover The Wonders Of Science (An Official Geek Mama Guide)



## Synopsis

Make your child's first forays into science fun! 52 clever and easy experiments for things that will zip, zoom, and fly, and fizz, bubble, and burst. For children ages 4 to 8. Introduce future engineers, inventors, naturalists, and artists to the physics and chemistry, biology and ecology behind everyday play. Create chemical reactions, explore gravity and friction, transform states of matter, play with air pressure, and much more through 52 simple experiments that zip and zoom, fly and fizz, bubble and burst. Geek mom Lynn Brunelle has created an interactive guide perfect for both kids and their parents: the projects will engage children, and the informative lessons will help parents when asked the inevitable question, why? The projects include:

- 1. The Exploding Lunch Bag: Will you get out of the way before the vinegar and baking soda react with a fizzy burst?
- 2. Seed Hunt: Seek out whirly, sticky, and smooth seeds for a science-filled outdoor adventure!
- 3. The Marshmallow Launcher: Harness energy to fling sugary treats in the name of science.
- 4. And many more!

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## Customer Reviews

Lynn Brunelle loves science of any size and the process of discovery. In *Big Science for Little People* she shows you how to tag along with kids (of all ages) as they experience a spectrum

of science experiments from the tame tabletop to the explosive messy sidewalk. Open this book to any page and geek out! • Bill Nye, the Science Guy

A four-time Emmy Award-winning writer for "Bill Nye the Science Guy," Lynn Brunelle has over 25 years experience writing for people of all ages, across all manner of media. Previously a classroom science, English and art teacher for kids K-12, an editor, illustrator, and award-winning author of over 45 titles, (Pop Bottle Science, Camp Out! World Almanac Puzzler Decks, Mama's Little Book of Tricks) Lynn has created, developed and written projects for Chronicle, Workman, National Geographic, Scholastic, Random House, Penguin, A&E, The Discovery Channel, Disney, ABC TV, NBC, NPR, The Annenburg Foundation, World Almanac, Cranium and PBS. A regular contributor to NBC's New Day Northwest TV as a family science guru, Martha Stewart Radio as a family activity consultant and a contributor to NPR's Science Friday, she is the creator of the Mama Gone Geek blog and Tabletop Science•videos that make science fun and accessible. She has also written for several children's and parenting magazines. She has won four Telly Awards and two CINE awards for her music videos which range in topics from bullying prevention, child protection and the adolescent brain for international curriculums through Committee for Children, to independent projects encouraging science literacy and STEAM. Her latest book, a memoir called Mama Gone Geek, was released in 2014 and won the Independent Publishing Award Gold Medal.

We have a few books of this same genre and this is by far the one we reach for the most. It's simple, nicely organized, and is perfect for use with my 5-year old (but would be good for older children, too.)

As always, Brunelle strikes that perfect balance between smart, fun, funny, and CLEAR. So often science books raise more questions than answers, but this one is straightforward, easy to understand, and easy to read -- like the author's hanging out chatting with you in your kitchen. The activities and experiments themselves are so fun -- my eight-year-old loves them -- but doable enough that I don't feel like a) I need to spend a million dollars on supplies or b) I need to hire someone to clean my house afterwards. There are cautions and warnings where necessary so everyone stays safe, and there are explanations galore so everyone learns something. I love this book, and my little one loves it too!

The author's passion for science lights up every page. As a grandma with very little science background, I appreciated the way this book was broken into easy steps, from setting up a home science lab to actually doing the experiments. Her explanations of why things happen the way they do are easy to grasp and straightforward. The book's energy is inspiring and I love the fun facts sprinkled throughout. I also appreciated the size of the book, which fits nicely in a young person's hand.

I ordered Big Science for Little People for my 5 year old nephew, who loves to do science experiments. Not only can you do some of these experiments inside, but some of the more messy ones (though not too messy) are aptly suited for outside. It's a great book with lots of ideas. My sister and her nanny especially love it, because it keeps this busy 5 year old boy occupied, learning and having fun. Plus, my 9 year old niece loves it, as do the other kids on the block. It's a creative and positive resource for all.

Our entire family loves this book. Our son is five, and he regularly asks to do a project out of "the book." We've exploded lunch bags, planted mold gardens, made cups overflow, mixed ice cream in a bag, and created some really beautiful food coloring swirls. And there's so much more to do! I'll be getting copies of this for other parents I know -- it truly is a family gift.

Get this book. Get it for your kids. For your grandkids. For your friends' kids. This is the kind of book that will prepare future minds for the shocking truth: SCIENCE IS REAL. Science MATTERS. In one beautifully written, witty, entertaining volume, Lynn Brunelle offers activities, insights, and just plain fun. Your kids will love the fun part, and the science will stick with them long after the book is closed. Everybody wins!

Such an amazing stocking stuffer or gift for every parent (or teacher) in your life. This is our family's "go to" book for rainy (and sunny) days. I love how it's organized into "at home" and "on the playground" and as a former science teacher I appreciate the "What's going on" that you can choose to share with kids after they've done their own theorizing. Lynn's writing is accessible and fun...the "Geek Mama" you wish you had - or wish you were!

A fun, informative collection of experiments that can engage any kid. Brunelle has a humorous, down-to-earth style that provides the What/How/Why in a clear, easy-to-follow format. As a teacher,

I love that these can be done most anywhere: in the classroom, the kitchen, the back yard--even in the restaurant, while waiting for the food to arrive. 52 activities means once a week for a whole year!

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