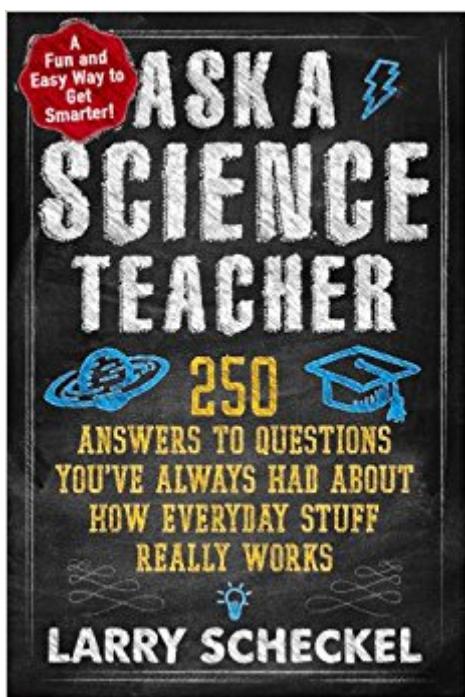


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# Ask A Science Teacher: 250 Answers To Questions You've Always Had About How Everyday Stuff Really Works



## Synopsis

Fun and fascinating science is everywhere, and it's a cinch to learn—just ask a science teacher! We've all grown so used to living in a world filled with wonders that we sometimes forget to wonder about them: What creates the wind? Do fish sleep? Why do we blink? These are common phenomena, but it's a rare person who really knows the answers—do you? All too often, the explanations remain shrouded in mystery—or behind a haze of technical language. For those of us who should have raised our hands in science class but didn't, Larry Scheckel comes to the rescue. An award-winning science teacher and longtime columnist for his local newspaper, Scheckel is a master explainer with a trove of knowledge. Just ask the students and devoted readers who have spent years trying to stump him! In *Ask a Science Teacher*, Scheckel collects 250 of his favorite Q&As. Like the best teachers, he writes so that kids can understand, but he doesn't water things down. He'll satisfy even the most inquisitive minds. Topics include: The Human Body, Earth Science, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Technology, Zoology, Music, and conundrums that don't fit into any category. With refreshingly uncomplicated explanations, *Ask a Science Teacher* is sure to resolve the everyday mysteries you've always wondered about. You'll learn how planes really fly, why the Earth is round, how microwaves heat food, and much more—before you know it, all your friends will be asking you!

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Larry Scheckel was my high school science teacher. I can easily say he was one of my best teachers ever. If every teacher taught with the passion Scheckel did, our country would be in much better shape. It has been over 30 years since I sat in Scheckel's classroom (OMG!), but after reading this book I can tell he still has that zeal. And he hasn't lost his sense of humor. I'm not sure if that is a good thing...Scheckel covers a wide range of subjects, from the human body, earth sciences, space, technology, physical sciences plus several other topics. This book is not a heavy read. It is not a textbook. Scheckel uses a pleasant conversational style and presents information in tidbits that makes this book easy to read. It is written to help both students and adults understand the world around them. Just as he did in the classroom, Scheckel makes learning fun in this book. He has written a column in his local newspaper for many years. This book is a compilation taken from those columns. As such, there are a number of references to places in Wisconsin, but even if you've never been to the land of cheese and never heard of Tomah, Wisconsin, I still think you'll like this book. Highly recommend!

This book is great for anyone - people with a science background, teachers, those with layman knowledge of science topics, and anyone who is just curious about "stuff." The topics range from everyday/common to more in-depth science questions. You can take what you want from the explanations... if you want a very basic explanation, it is there. However my favorite part about this book is that the author offers more scientific details. I'm a biologist, and I truly appreciated the more scientific details of items relating to life sciences and chemistry. Some of the physical science questions got into some details that would require some more research for me to truly understand, but that's great! If one of the topics really interested me, I would have the basics from which to stem my further research. For topics that I didn't care too much about, I got my basic answer and moved on to questions that really struck my attention. If you are a teacher, there are items from any of the science disciplines that can tie into specific lessons/topics. Sometimes giving a simple explanation is the most difficult part of explaining concepts to kids. For others, maybe the specifics are tougher.

This book has both, and it can be adapted to many age groups. It is certainly scientific enough for supplementing high school and college lessons. I couldn't put the book down. As a side note, I bought the Kindle copy and there weren't any goofy typos or formatting issues with this book - it was great!

This book is very well written and is concise in the answers to the questions, that young people and even some adults have occasionally wondered about. I have purchased multiple copies and hand them out to adult friends, teenagers and even little children that can read. I always get a wonderful response to this gift....many men and boys in my family just can't resist reading some of the questions/answers immediately. Every family should have this book because it's a perfect introduction to the magical world of science for both genders. The book also, provides a good background for various science fair projects over the years; that elementary and high school students usually participate in for extra credit or competitions. Engineers, Biologists, Chemists, Mechanics, Physicists all have a basic curiosity about science that usually lasts a lifetime. The author does a great job with the question and answer format, you don't have to read the entire book just one idea at a time. I will continue to surprise someone with this book as a Unbirthday, UnChristmas, Unspecial occasion gift....just randomly, like a concept in the world of science.

Very cool book! Excellent questions! Nice durable cover!

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