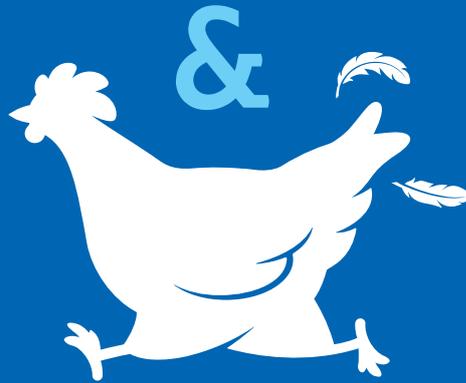
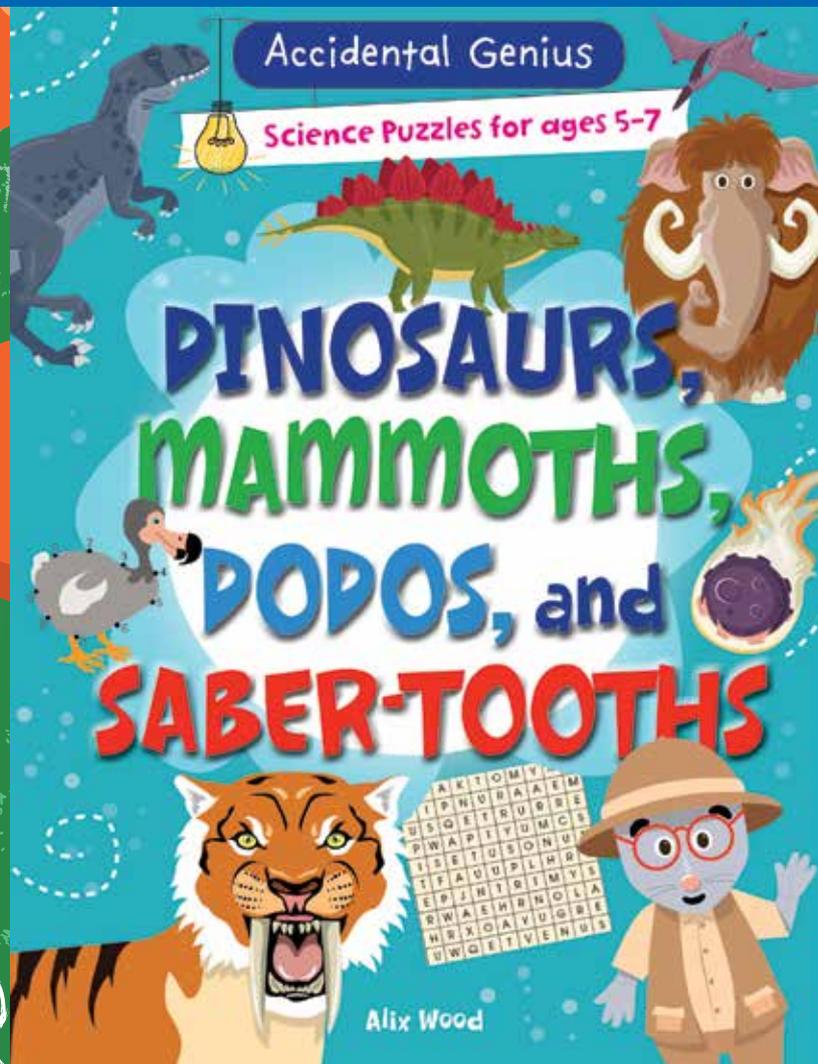
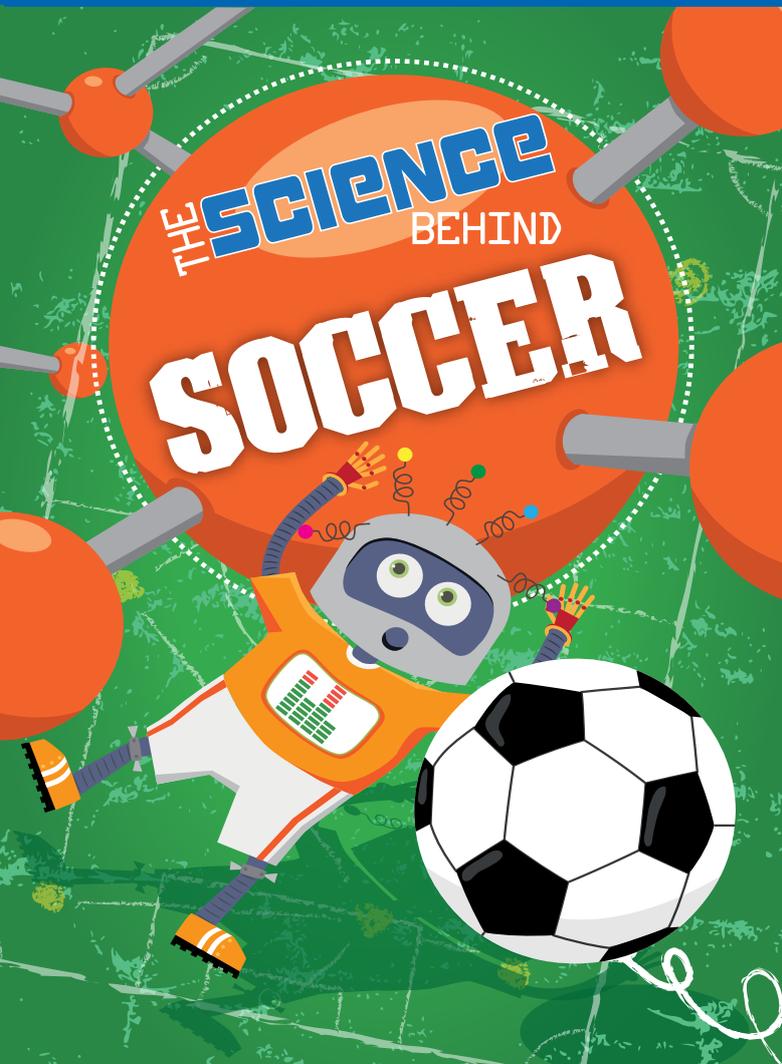


# Alix Wood Books



FREE-RANGE BOOKS



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# Introducing ... FREE-RANGE BOOKS

In 2021 we launched our new imprint for younger readers. This exciting range of titles are designed for the 0-7 age range. Take a look at our great cute titles on pages 4-8 and 22.



## The Team

Alix Wood



Alix Wood is an experienced and imaginative author and designer and enthusiastic keeper of chickens. Initially a primary school teacher, she then studied design and illustration. A strong background in education and design means producing attractive children's books is the perfect job!

Kevin Wood



Kevin Wood had a successful career in the electronics industry before joining the team. He has taught business management at degree level and handles the company's computer support, accounts and marketing. He writes our science and computing titles.

Ben Macgregor



Junior designer Ben Macgregor is a talented artist, designer, and photographer. He is currently working on our craft titles. A keen extreme sports enthusiast too, he helps create and consult on all our sporty books.

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# Accidental Genius

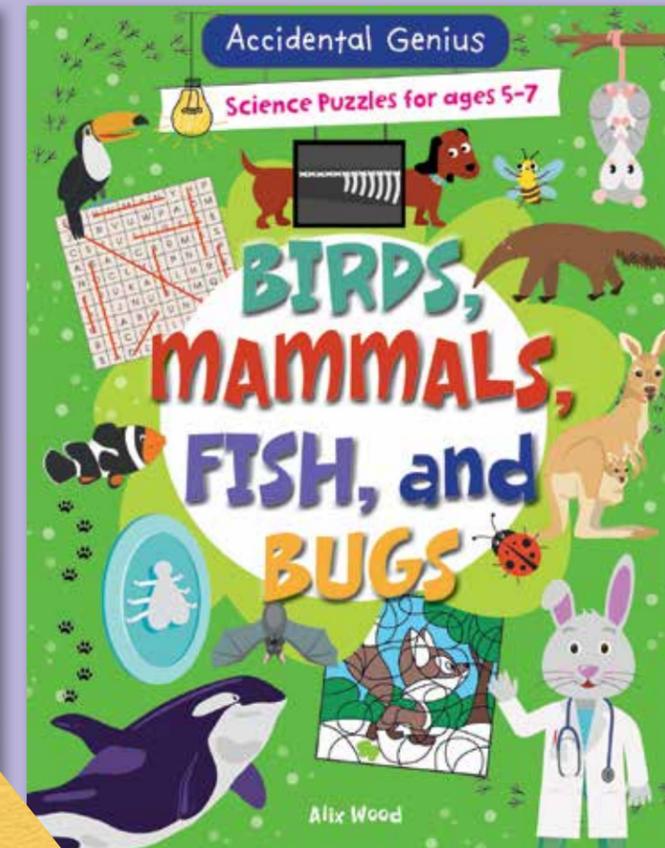
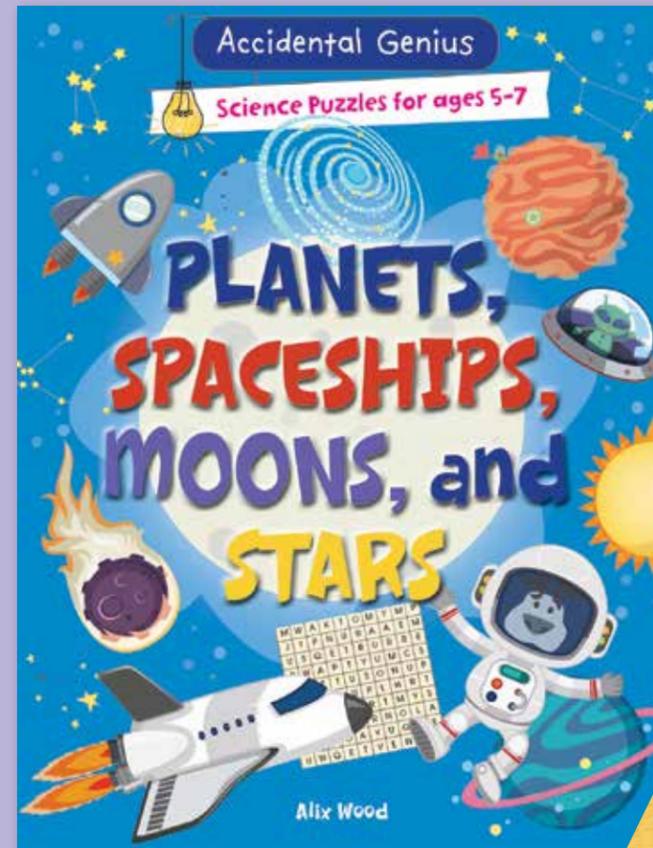
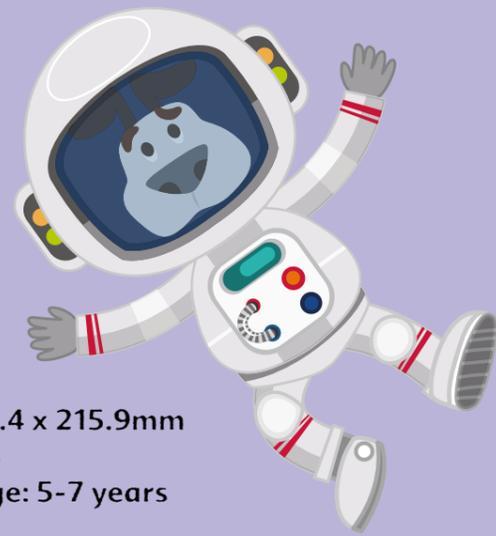
## Science Puzzles for ages 5-7

### Titles:

- Cars, Planes, Boats and Trains
- Planets, Spaceships, Moons and Stars
- Birds, mammals, Fish and Bugs
- Heads, Shoulders, Muscles and Bones

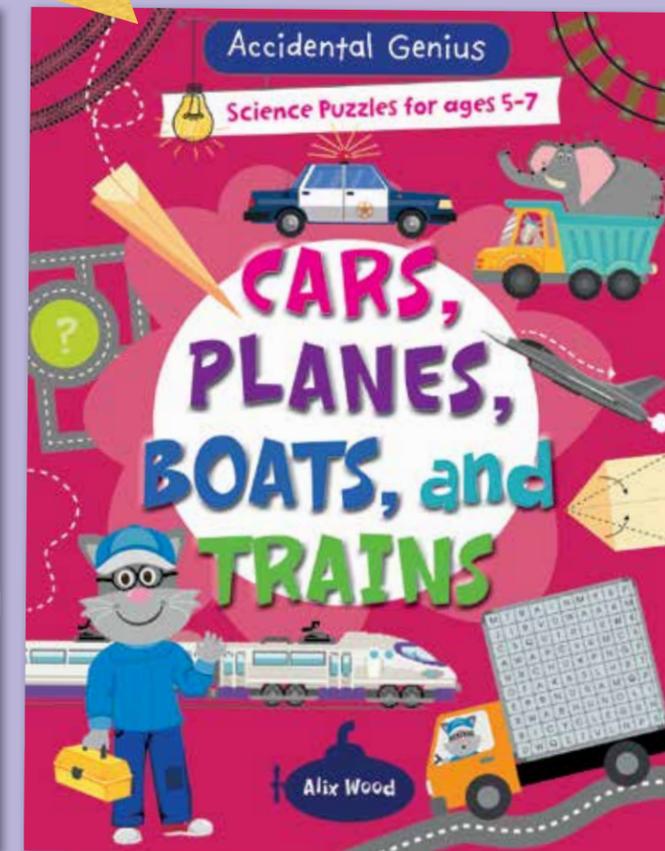
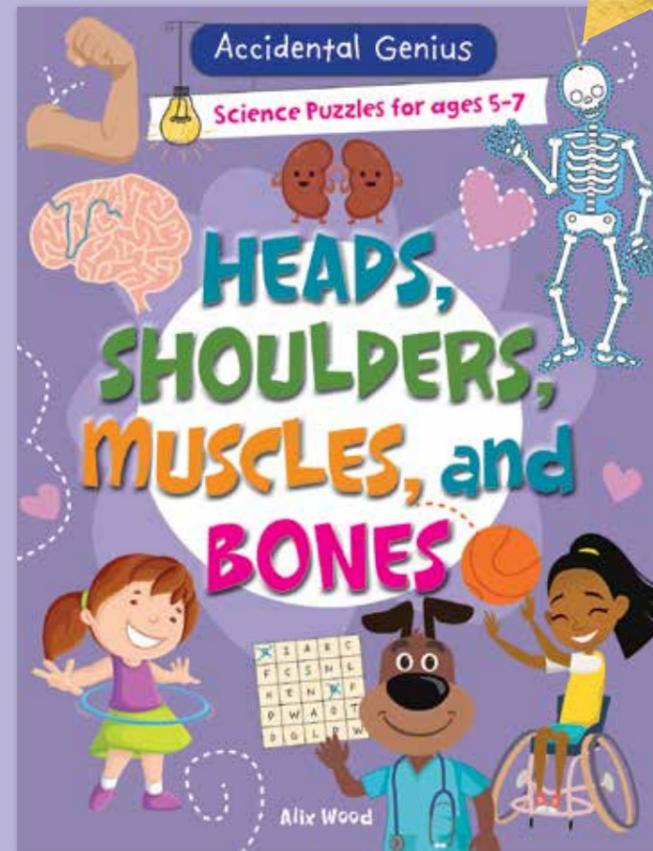
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 Pages: 48  
 Age Range: 5-7 years

These science-themed activity books will keep any 5-7 year old busy and entertained. Oh, and they might accidentally learn loads about science too! Every page contains carefully thought-out puzzles with educational value. But they won't notice, because they'll be having too much fun! Designed to appeal to the 5-7 age range, they feature beautiful page designs, that readers can interactively write and draw onto.



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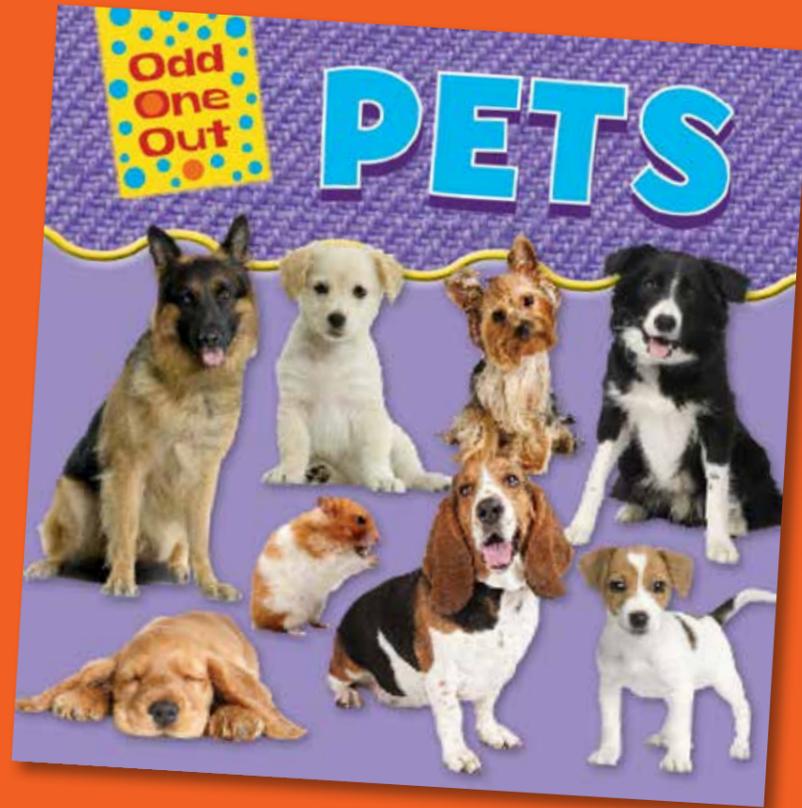


# Odd One Out

**Titles:**  
 Pets  
 Shapes  
 Colours  
 On the Farm  
 Wild Animals  
 Vehicles

Trim: 150 x 150mm  
 Pages: 24  
 Photos: Full colour  
 Interest level: 2-5 years  
 Reading level: 4-5 years

World,  
 all language  
 rights  
 available



Can you spot the odd one out in this fun series of early learner books? Illustrated with appealing full colour photographs, the books encourage the reader to find the odd one out on each spread. Ideal for learning about the world we live in, and encouraging discussion about the differences between things.



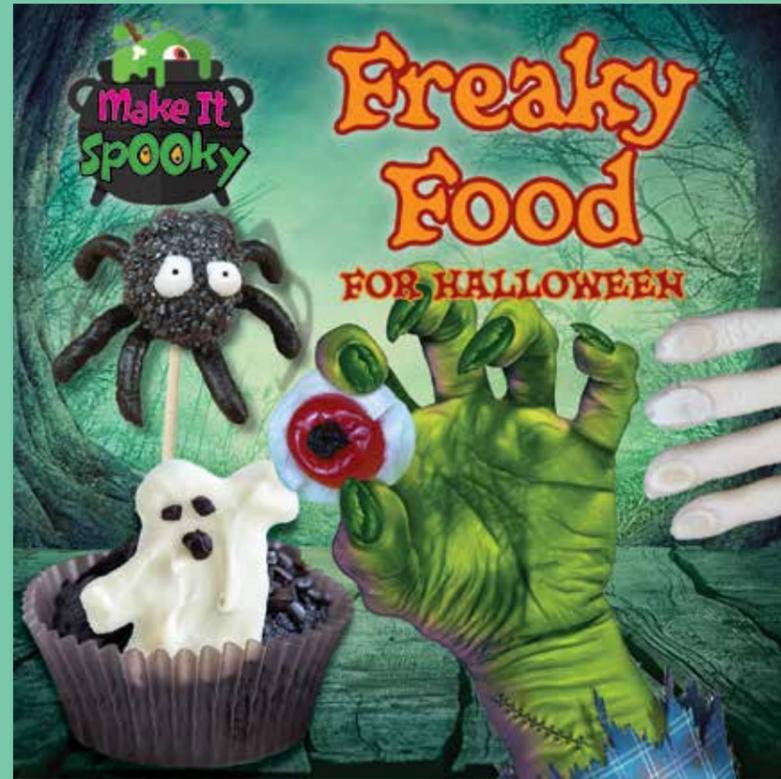
Children will enjoy poring over the colourful photographs. Finding the odd one out sometimes isn't as easy as you'd think!





**Titles:**  
 Freaky Food  
 for Halloween  
 Eerie Outdoor Scenes  
 for Halloween  
 Haunted Houses  
 for Halloween  
 Creepy Costumes  
 for Halloween

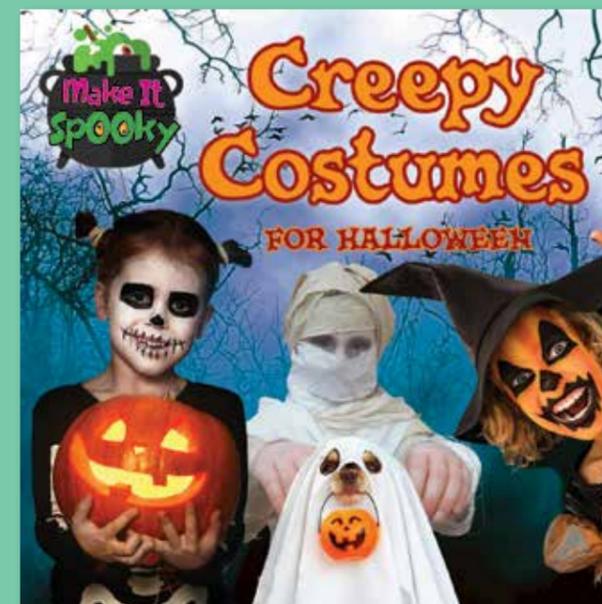
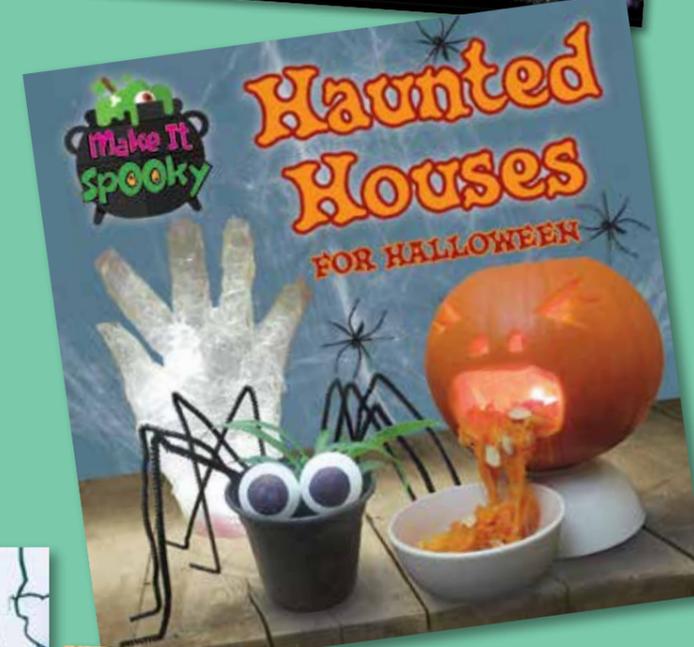
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 Pages: 32  
 Photos: Full colour  
 Interest level: 7-10 years  
 Reading level: 7-9 years



Want to make edible slimy eyeballs? Or maybe you fancy turning yourself into a rotting zombie? Getting ready for Halloween has never been such gruesome fun. Make disgusting snacks, terrifying house decorations, creepy outdoor decor, and fantastically scary costumes.



This high-interest series is packed full of grade-appropriate super gross projects. Each recipe or craft has clear, step-by-step instructions, illustrated with full colour photographs. Information boxes feature on each spread, with tips to help the reader create the most successful creepy outcome.

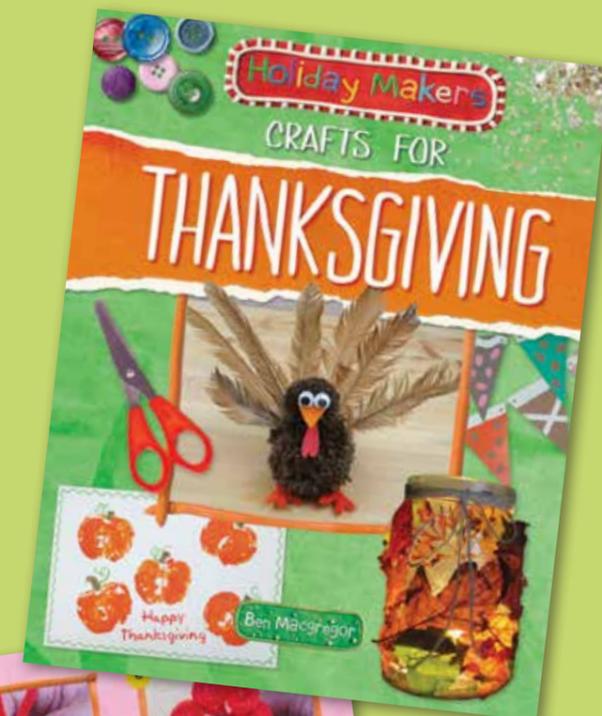
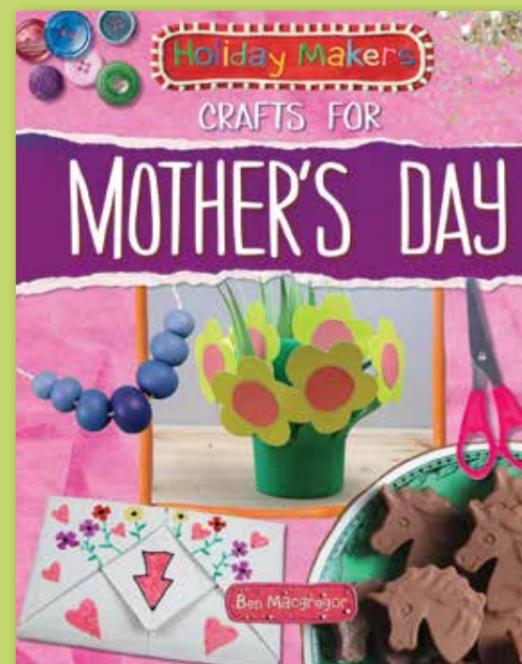
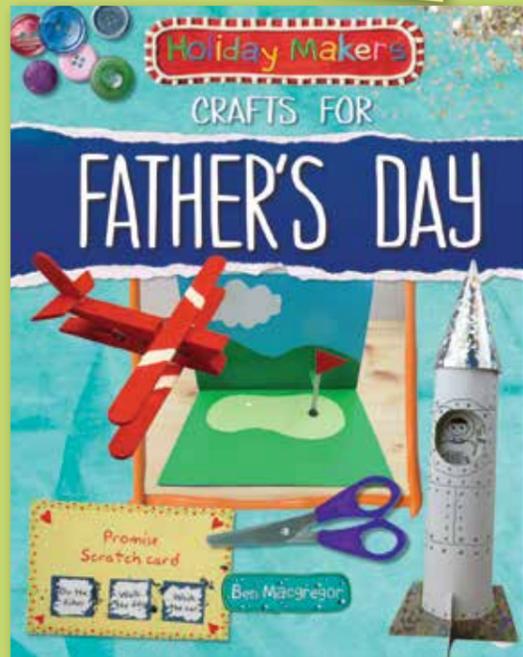
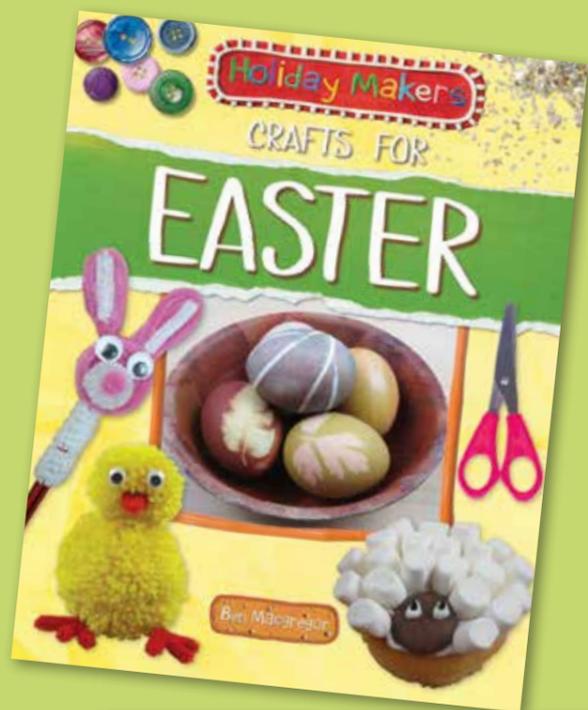
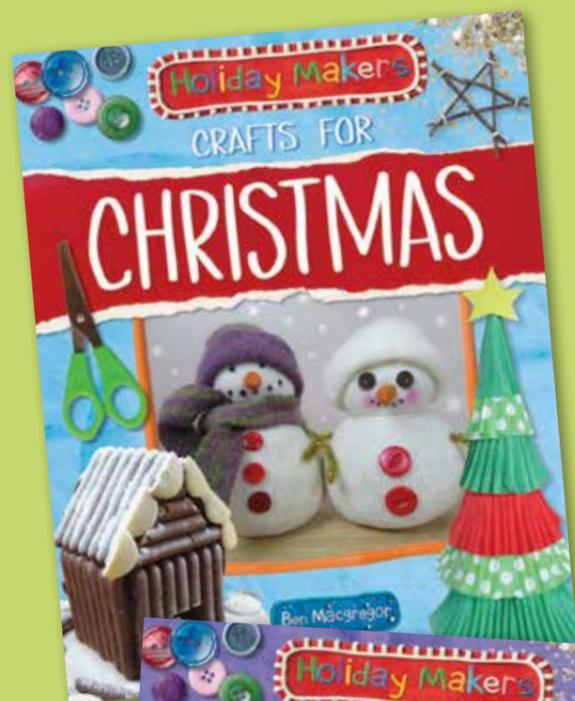


# Holiday Makers

Trim: 265 x 210mm  
 Pages: 32  
 Age Range: 7-9 years

Titles in the series:  
 Crafts for Christmas  
 Crafts for Easter  
 Crafts for Father's Day  
 Crafts for Halloween  
 Crafts for Mother's Day  
 Crafts for Thanksgiving

This six-book series is packed full of fun and usable seasonal projects to create for the home, or give as gifts. Clear, step-by-step instructions are illustrated with full colour photographs. Each book has an introduction to the season, and useful hints and tips to help create the perfect holiday. The titles feature 13 different projects, with something sure to suit every reader.



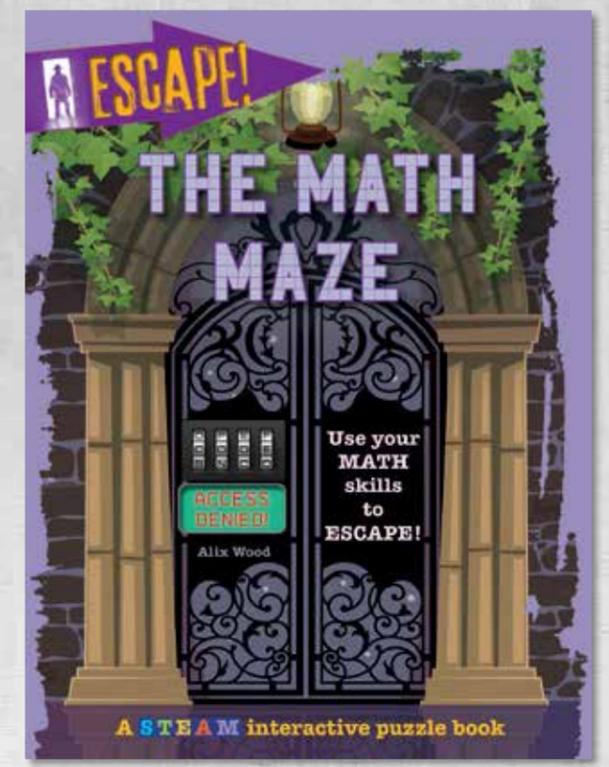
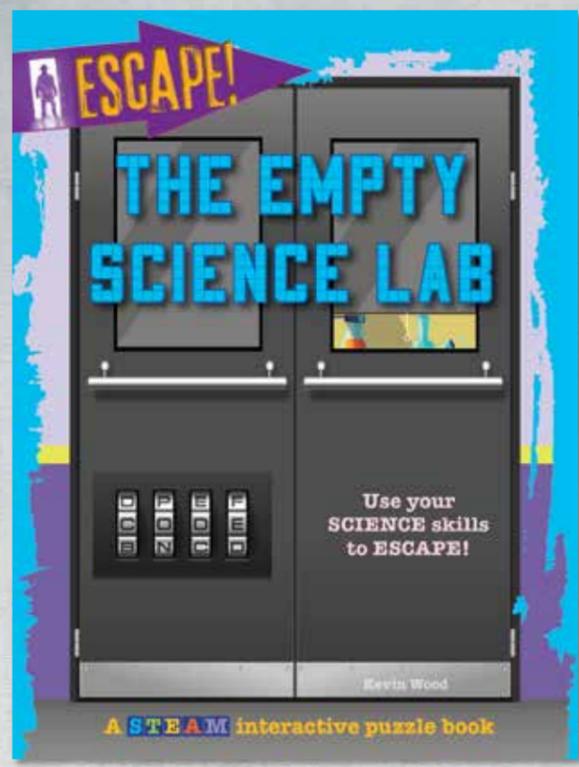
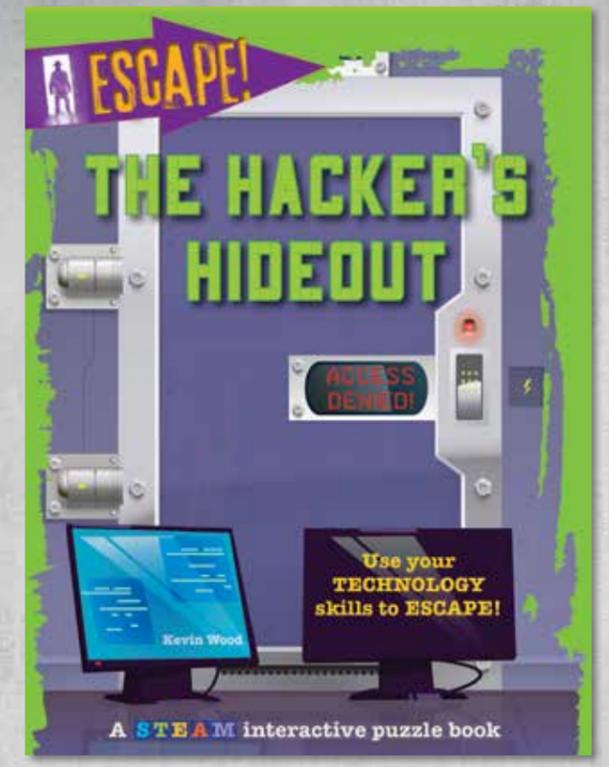
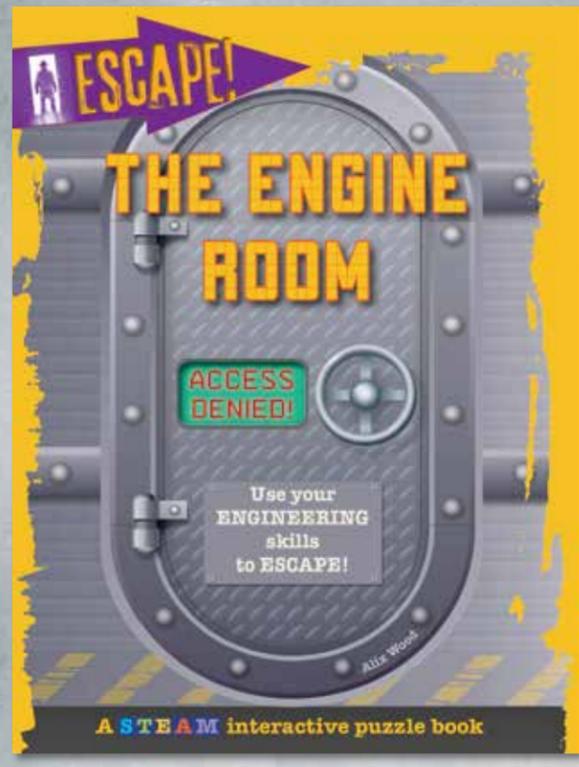
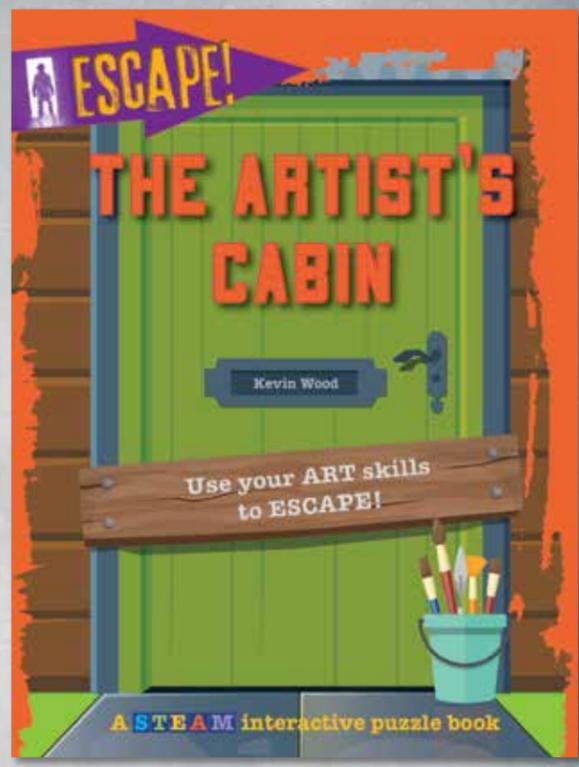
# ESCAPE!

- Titles:**  
 The Empty Science Lab  
 The Hacker's Hideout  
 The Engine Room  
 The Artist's Cabin  
 The Maths Maze

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 Pages: 32  
 Photos: Full colour  
 Age Range: 7-11 years

2022  
 NEW design  
 available for  
 younger  
 puzzlers!

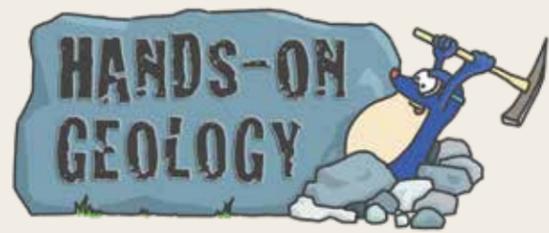
Solve these puzzles on your own, or team up with your friends or family. This unique series challenges readers to use their subject knowledge to work out the secret escape codes. Optional online links to interactive locks and keypads allow readers to enter their answers and receive hints to the puzzles. Designed to be challenging and rewarding, these titles link to the STEAM curriculum in a fun and motivating way.



You can enter your codes into the keypad on the linked website to see if your answers are correct. Click the hint button if you get stuck!

Check out the linked website at [www.escapepuzzlebooks.com](http://www.escapepuzzlebooks.com)

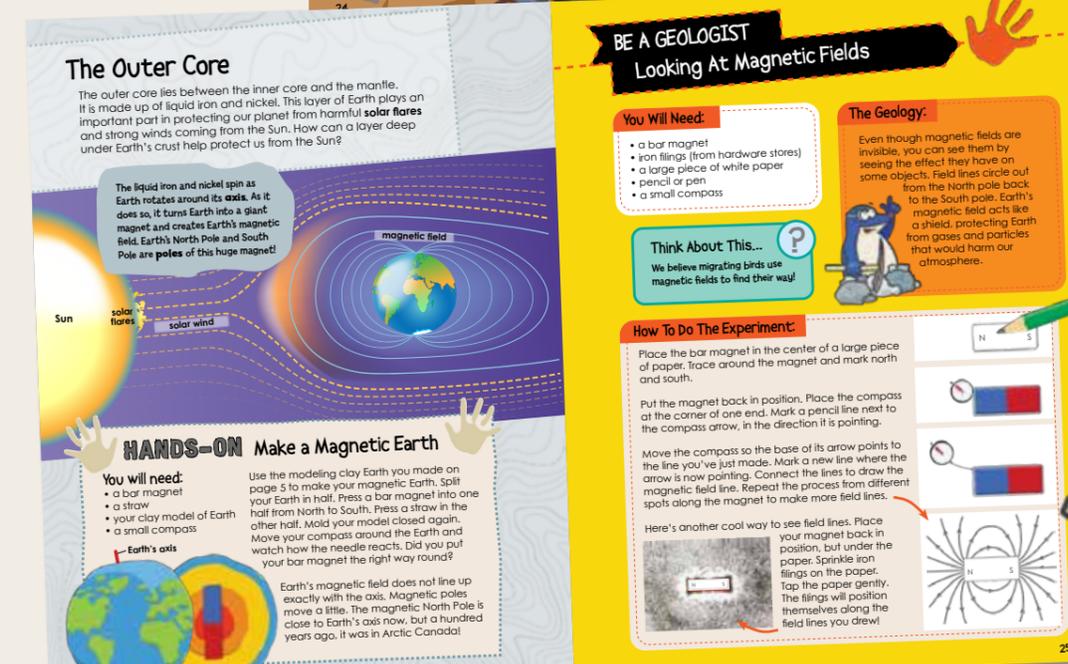
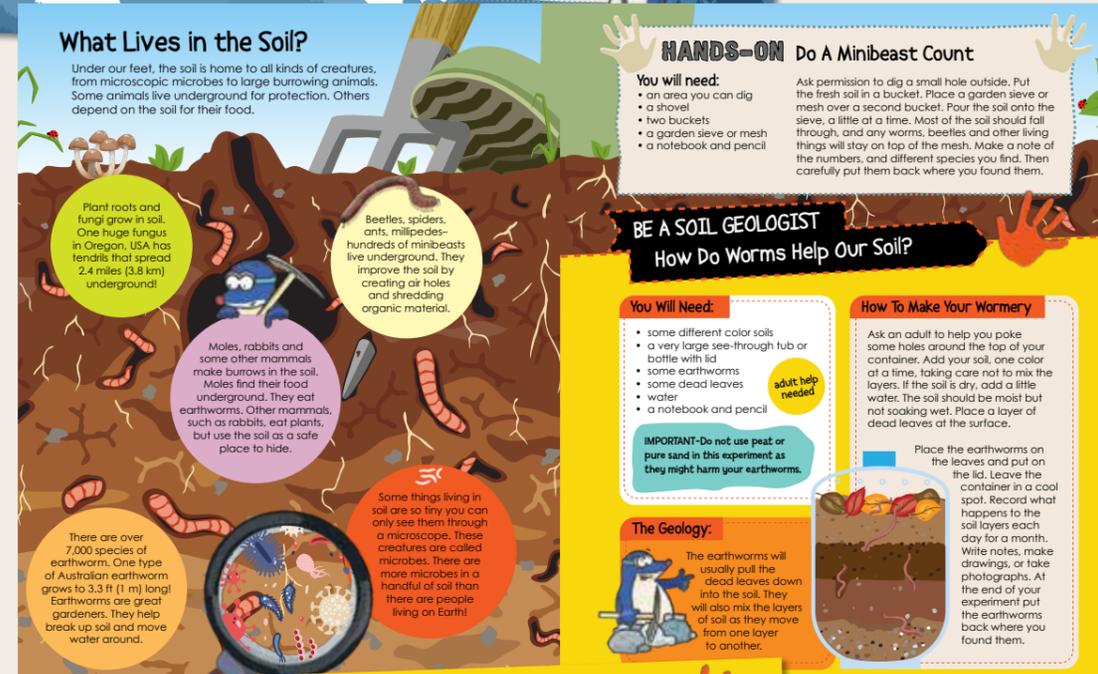
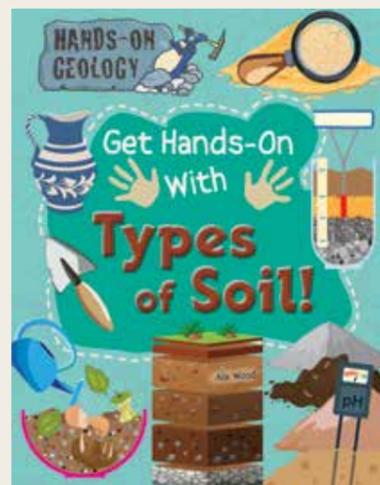
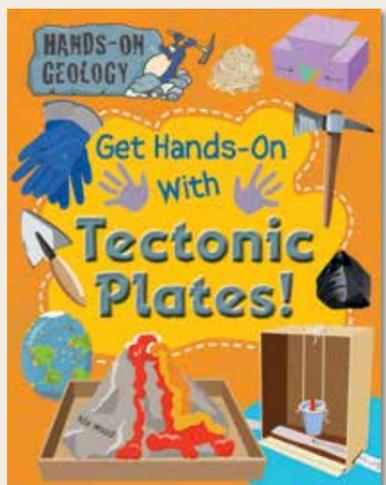
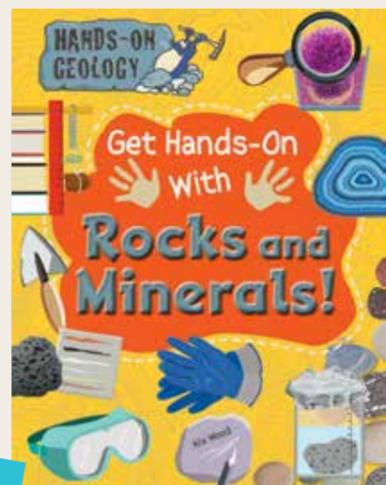
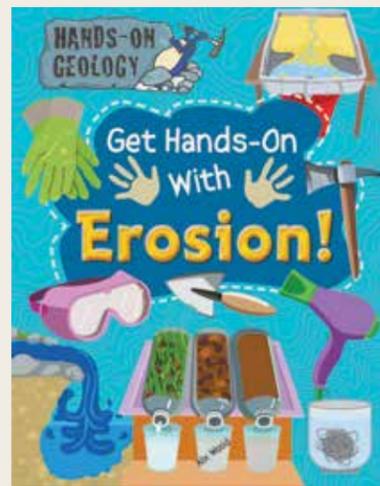
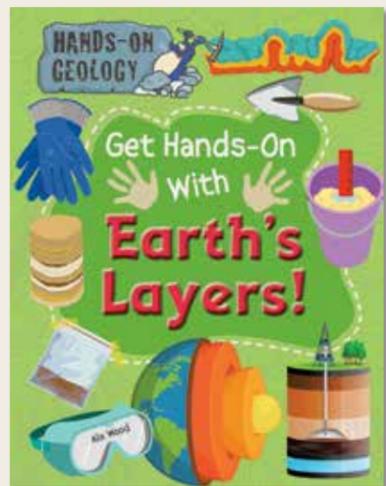
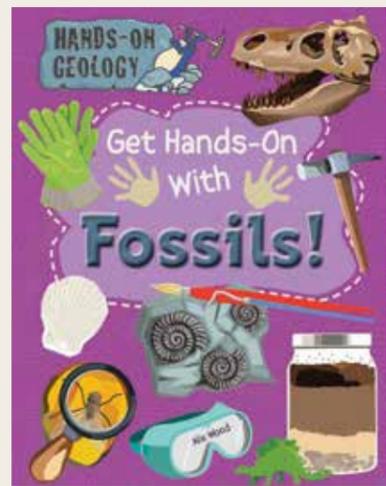
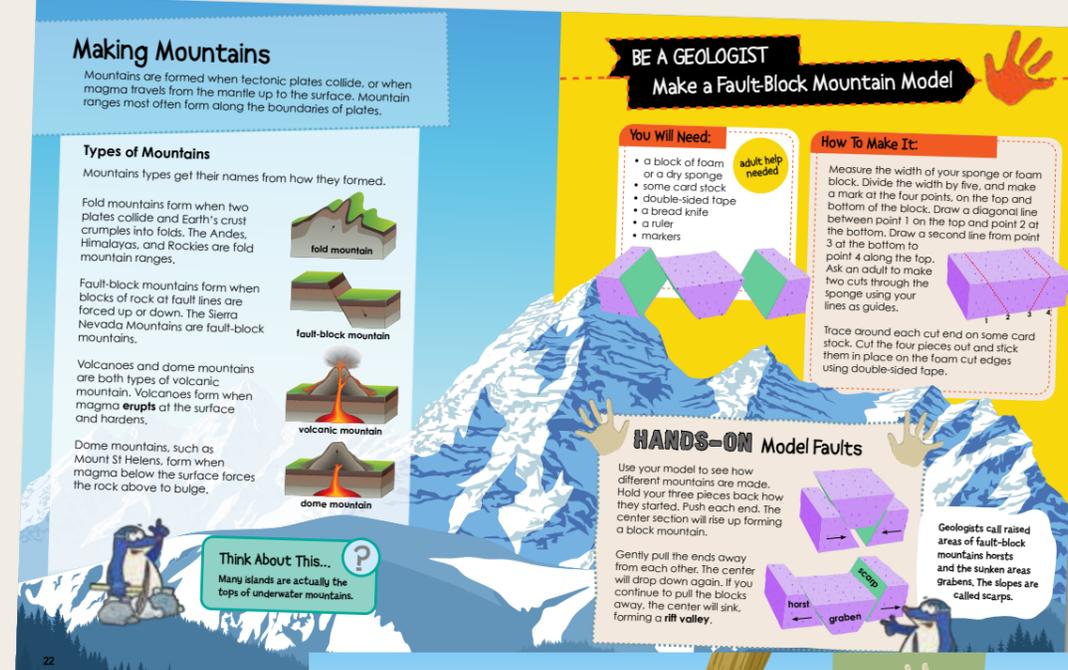
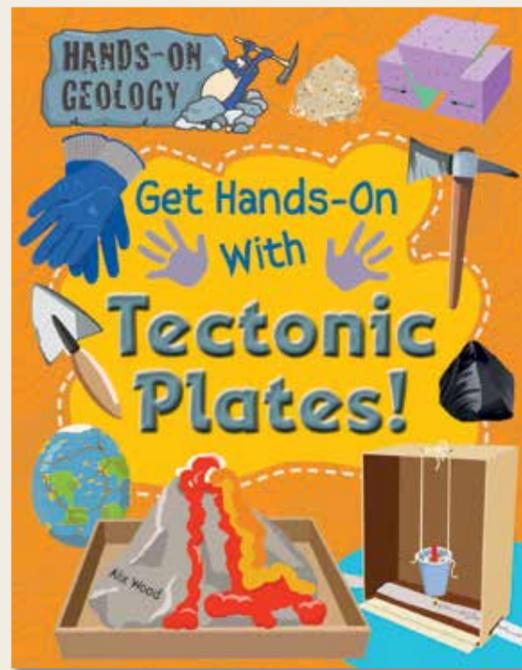




- Titles:**
- Get Hands-On with Fossils!
  - Get Hands-On with Earth's Layers!
  - Get Hands-On with Erosion!
  - Get Hands-On with Tectonic Plates!
  - Get Hands-On with Rocks and Minerals!
  - Get Hands-On with Types of Soil!

**Trim:** 8.5 x 11" **Photos:** Full colour  
**Pages:** 32 **Interest level:** 9-11 years

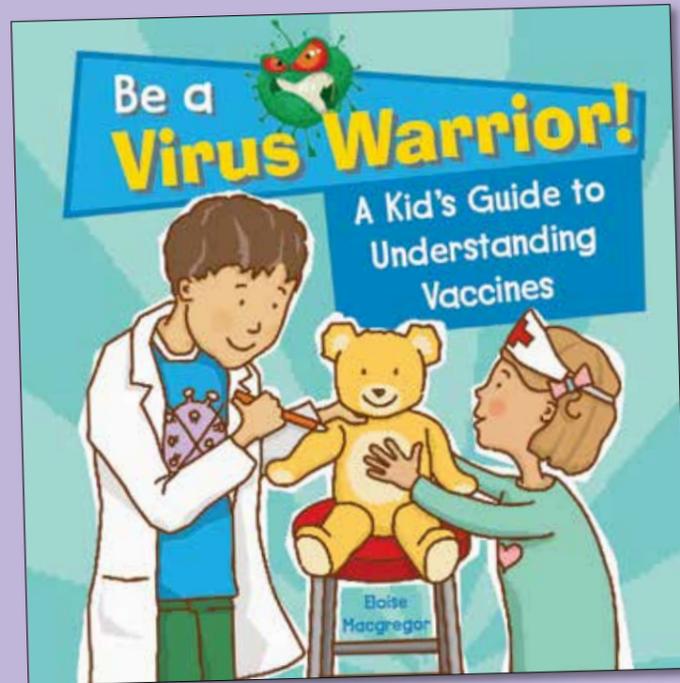
Conduct amazing experiments and get hands-on with the building blocks of our planet. These full-colour books are packed with interactive fun and information. Measure a rock's density with your own Jolly Balance. Build a stream table to study erosion. Make a mold-and-cast fossil, and then excavate it like a pro. Make an erupting volcano, or experiment with an earthquake shake table. Open-ended questions encourage further thought and study. These engaging, interactive books give readers a brilliant insight into the science of geology.



# Be a Virus Warrior!

## A Kid's Guide to Understanding Vaccines

A brand new title for this season has been added to this popular series. The book gently answers any questions and fears children may have about vaccines, and COVID vaccines in particular. It looks at how vaccines work, if they are safe, and what having a vaccine would be like if they need to have one.



This Kid's Guide encourages discussion, but does not dictate. It will help allay some myths about vaccines, while acknowledging that deciding to have one or not is a personal choice.

**How do vaccines work?**

Your body has tiny helpers inside, known as your **immune system**. These disease-fighting cells are found all over your body. When they spot an invader, they get to work!

To make a vaccine, scientists examine the virus. They look for weak, harmless parts of it that they can use to create a safe vaccine.

A vaccine teaches your immune system to recognise and fight the virus, without making you sick.

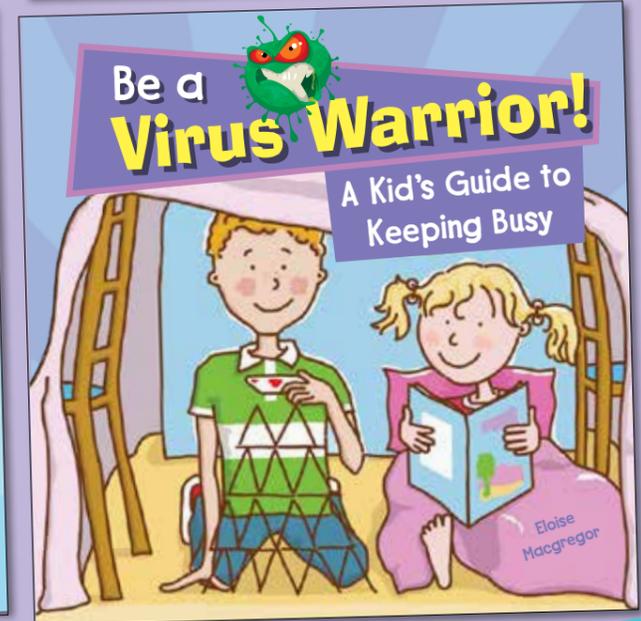
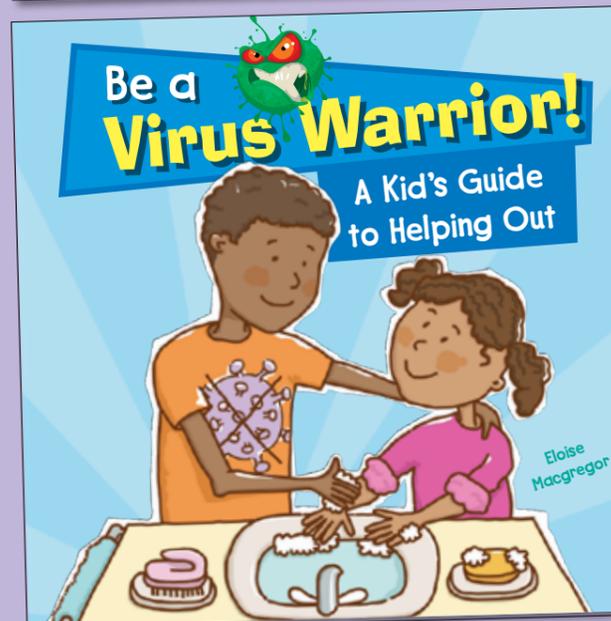
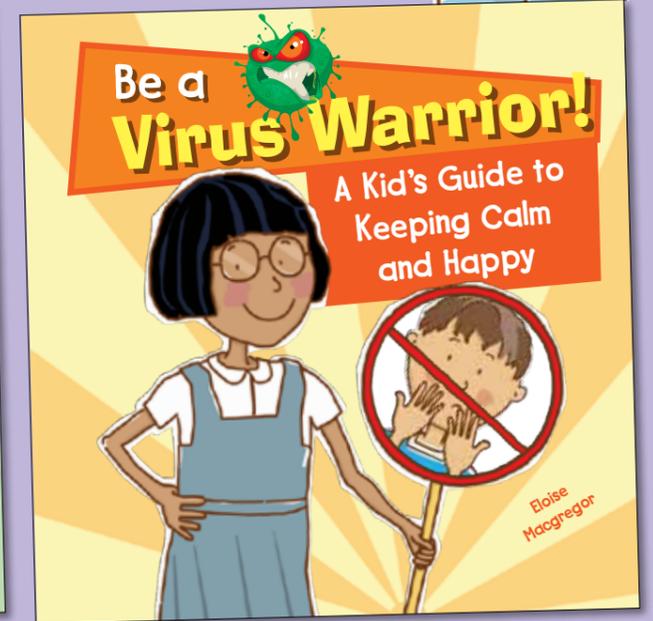
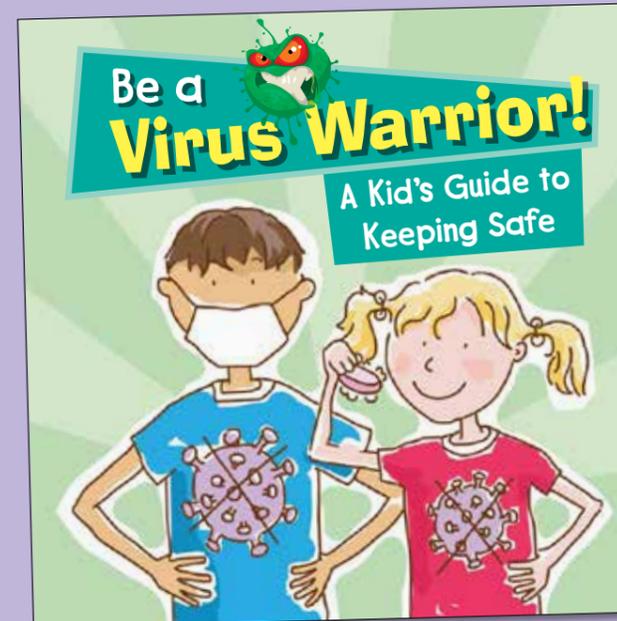
After you've had the vaccine you can still catch and spread COVID-19.

Your immune system makes the virus weaker so it's not able to spread, so YOU gettin' sick!

**Previous Titles:**  
 A Kid's Guide to:  
 Keeping Safe  
 Keeping Calm  
 and Happy  
 Helping Out  
 Keeping Busy

Trim: 210 x 210mm  
 Pages:24  
 Photos: Full colour  
 Age Range: 4-7 years

- In these testing times young children need guidance and reassurance. This sensitive series helps children understand what coronavirus is, and how to keep themselves and their families safe. Books give tips on how to keep happy and positive, how to help out their family and community, and how to keep themselves busy and active at home.
- Comforting, yet practical, these books allay fears, while at the same time encouraging and informing children on how to take care of their own safety and mental health.



# BACKYARD SCIENTIST



Science can get messy, but getting messy can be fun! Explore six science disciplines with hands-on experiments that can be done in your own back garden. Each book begins with an introduction to the branch of science. Clear, step-by-step instructions make experiments easy to follow. Feature side-bars explain each experiment in more detail. Designed to encourage exploration and develop an interest in science and the scientific method.

## Titles:

- Backyard Astronomy Experiments
- Backyard Biology Experiments
- Backyard Botany Experiments
- Backyard Chemistry Experiments
- Backyard Meteorology Experiments
- Backyard Physics Experiments

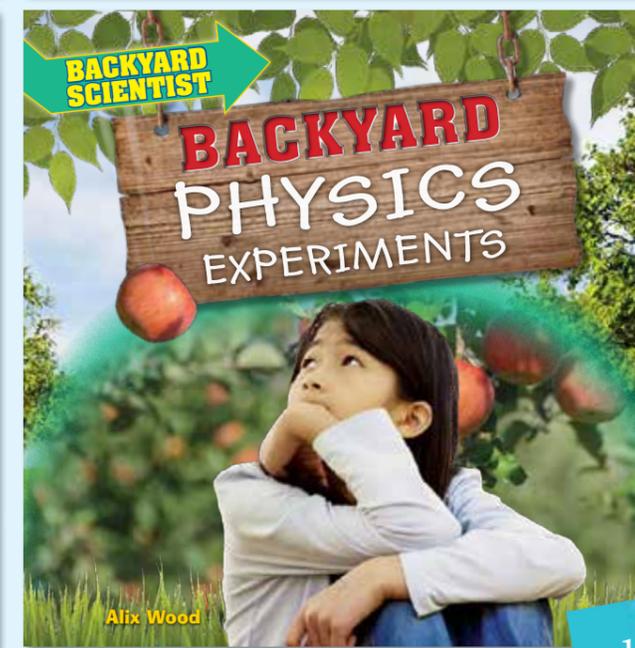
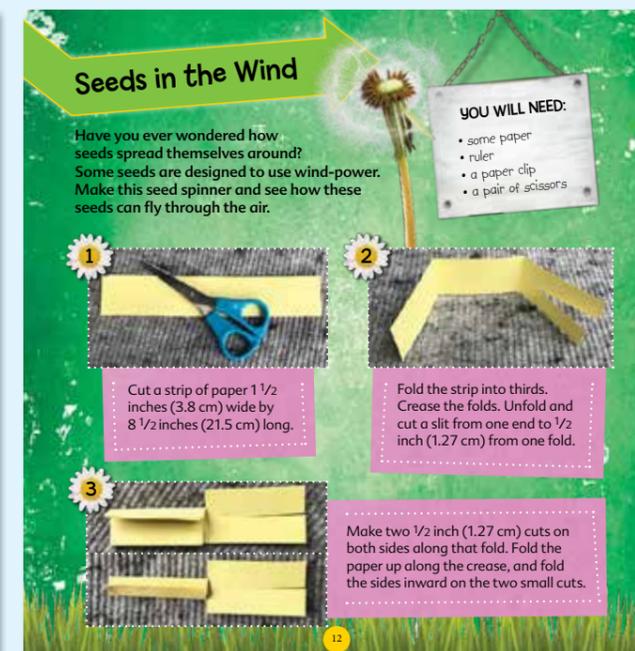
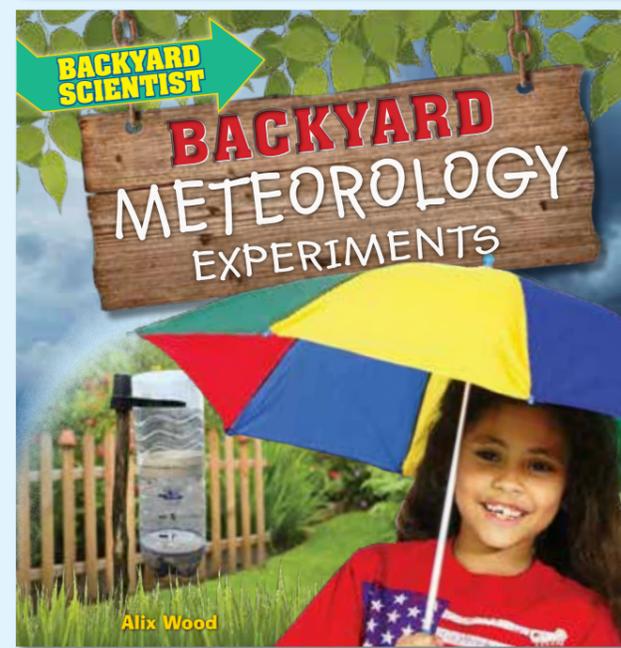
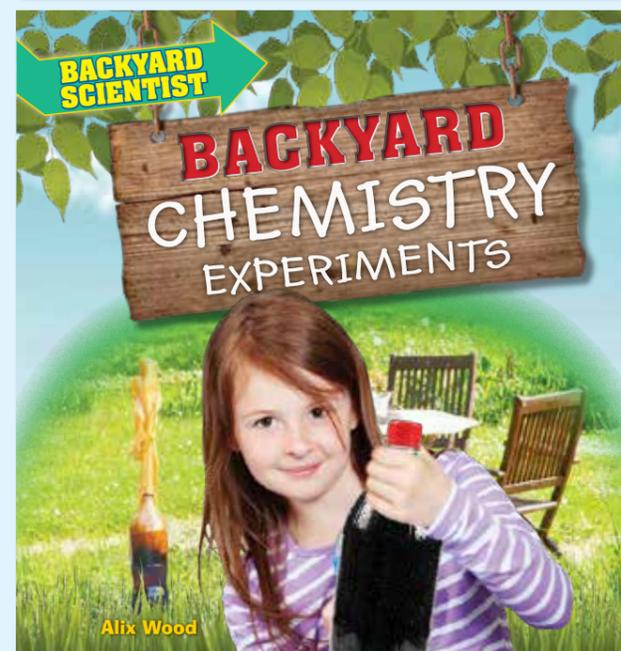
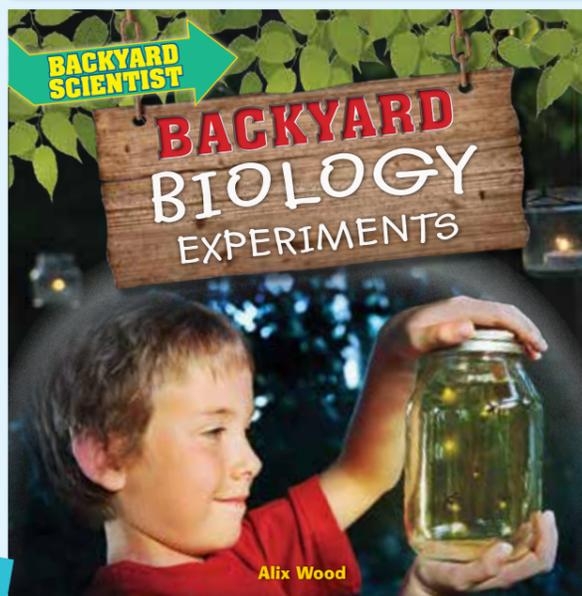
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Pages: 32

Photos: Full colour

Interest level: 7-11

Reading level: 7-9 years



## Using Your Astrolabe

Never look at the Sun through your astrolabe, as it will damage your eyes. Track the journey of the Moon through the day, instead. As the Moon travels around Earth, it appears to rise and set just as the Sun does. Measure the different heights that the Moon reaches using your astrolabe.

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- your astrolabe
- a daytime Moon
- a friend to help you
- a notebook and pen



1 Sit on the ground. Hold the astrolabe so that the curved part is closest to you. Look at the Moon through the straw.



2 Ask a friend to write down the number that lines up with the weighted cotton. In this photo the reading is 10°. That is how many degrees above the horizon the Moon is.



4 Your egg should feel rubbery. Now see if it will actually bounce. Find a hard surface. Use a ruler to measure the height you drop your egg from. Start by dropping the egg from a small height. Gradually increase the distance. Did it bounce? At what height did your egg eventually break?



### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Vinegar is a weak acid that reacts with the chemicals that make up the egg shell. The acid starts to break the shell down. This chemical reaction produces the bubbles of carbon dioxide. The white membrane lining the shell becomes thicker and rubbery.

# World-Changing SCIENTISTS

## Titles:

Rachel Carson  
Marie Curie  
Stephen Hawking  
Edwin Hubble  
Sir Isaac Newton  
Leonardo da Vinci

Trim: 181 x 216 mm

Pages: 32

Photos: Full colour

Interest level: 7-11 years

Reading level: 7-9 years

World-Changing Scientists is a series of biographies looking at some of the world's most innovative scientists. The books recount the story of their interesting lives, their childhoods, their discoveries, and their final years.

These titles include science notes stuffed with interesting facts, and straight-forward explanations about each scientist's discoveries. Each book is designed with pull-out quotes, and information boxes that add to the text. A quiz at the end of each title helps consolidate learning. There is a glossary, a further reading section and an index.

## World-Changing Scientist

### Dr. Stephen Hawking

Dr. Stephen Hawking was a world-famous British **theoretical physicist**. A theoretical physicist is a scientist who uses math to study theories about the universe, such as how it began and how it might change in the future. He is best known for his study of **black holes**. Hawking has written books for adults and children. His book *A Brief History of Time* was an international bestseller.



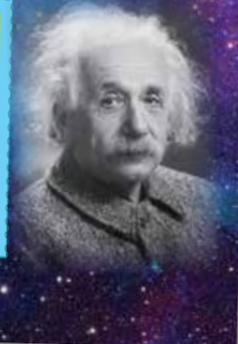
### Science Notes

Stephen Hawking is probably best known for his work studying space. The study of space is called **cosmology**. When he was a child, Hawking and his mother and sisters would sometimes lie outside on the grass, looking at the stars. The family would take turns pointing out different constellations, and excitedly watch falling stars.

"All of my life, I have been fascinated by the big questions that face us, and have tried to find scientific answers to them. If, like me, you have looked at the stars, and tried to make sense of what you see, you too have started to wonder what makes the universe exist."

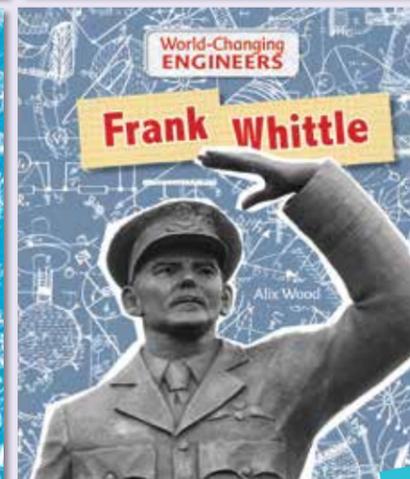
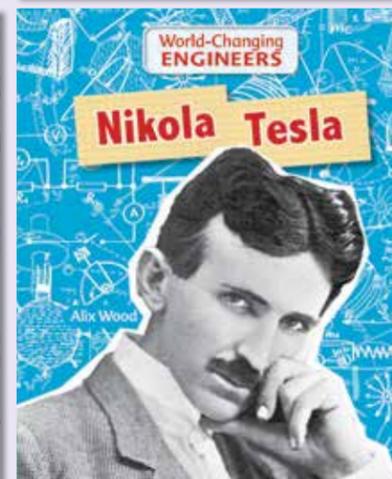
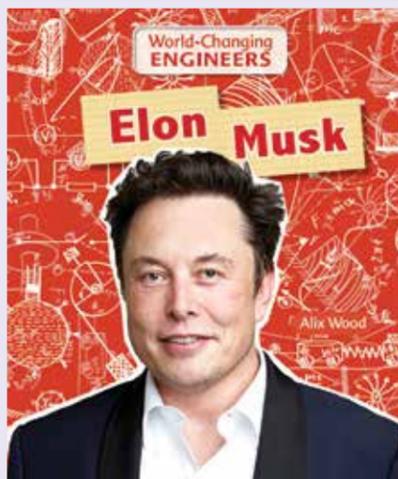
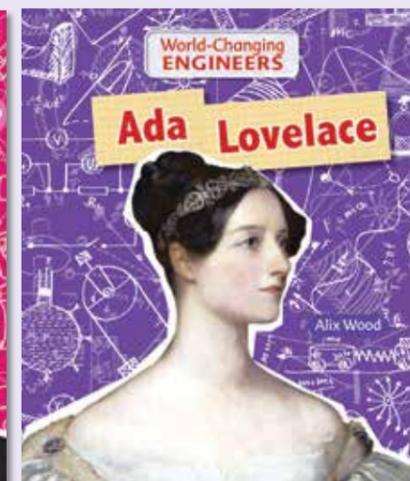
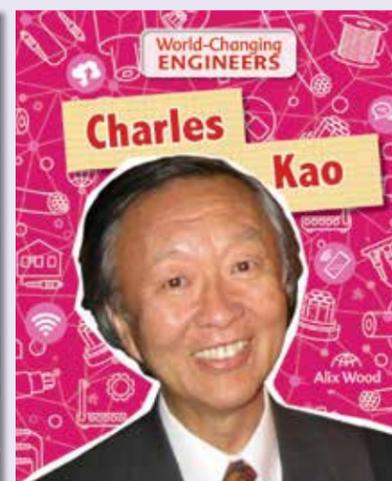
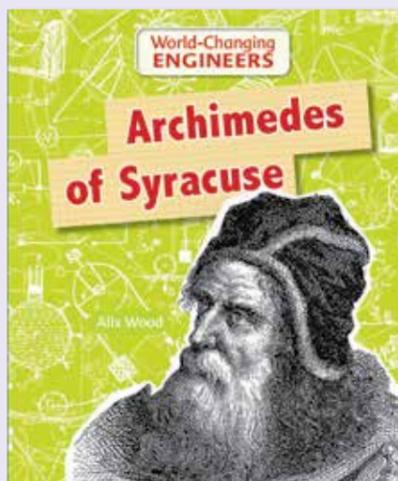
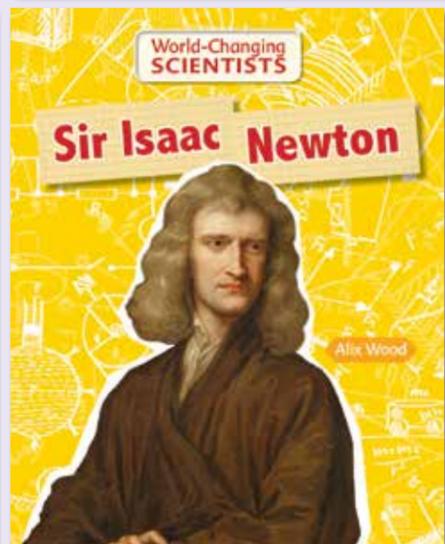
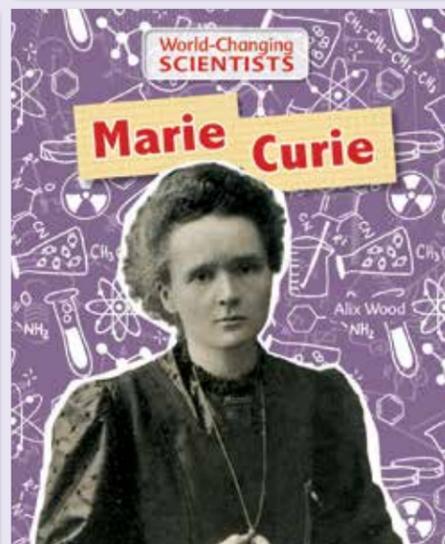
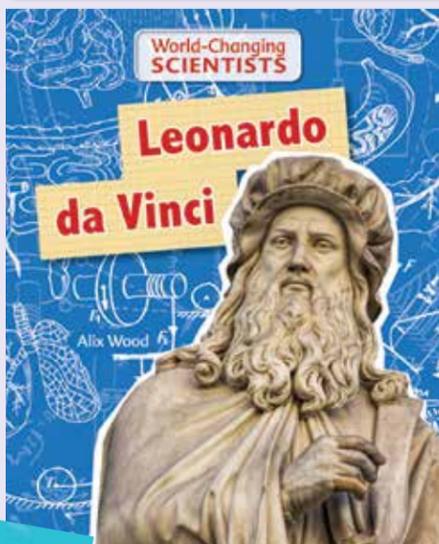
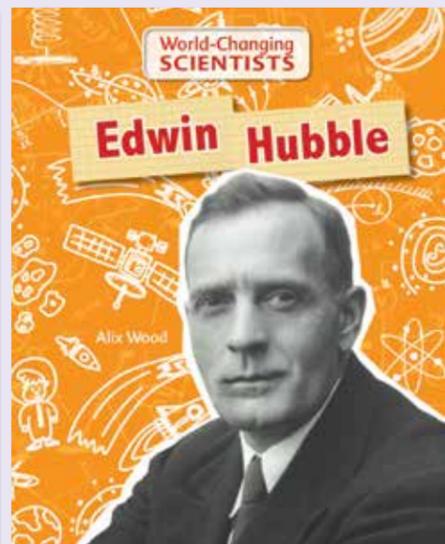
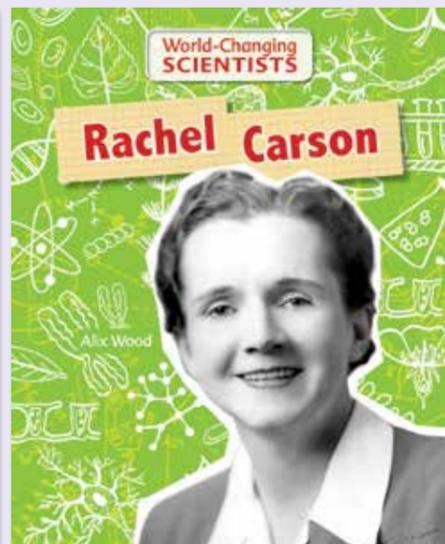
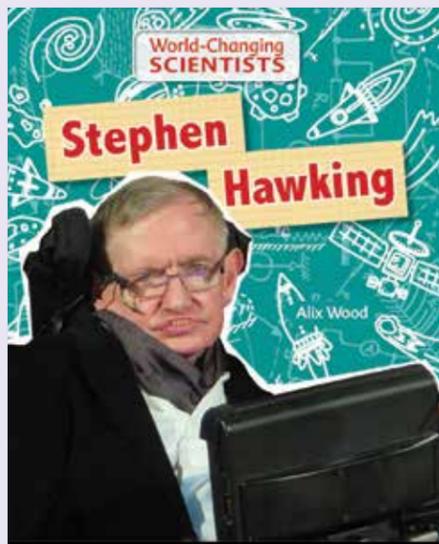
STEPHEN HAWKING

Hawking loved science and math at school. He found physics lessons too easy, so he didn't enjoy them as much as math! He was so good at science he was called Einstein by his friends, after the famous physicist Albert Einstein! Einstein is famous for his **theory of relativity**. Einstein's famous theory helped Hawking during his study of black holes.



## Coming Soon ...

## World-Changing ENGINEERS



Coming Soon ...

TWO NEW TITLES!

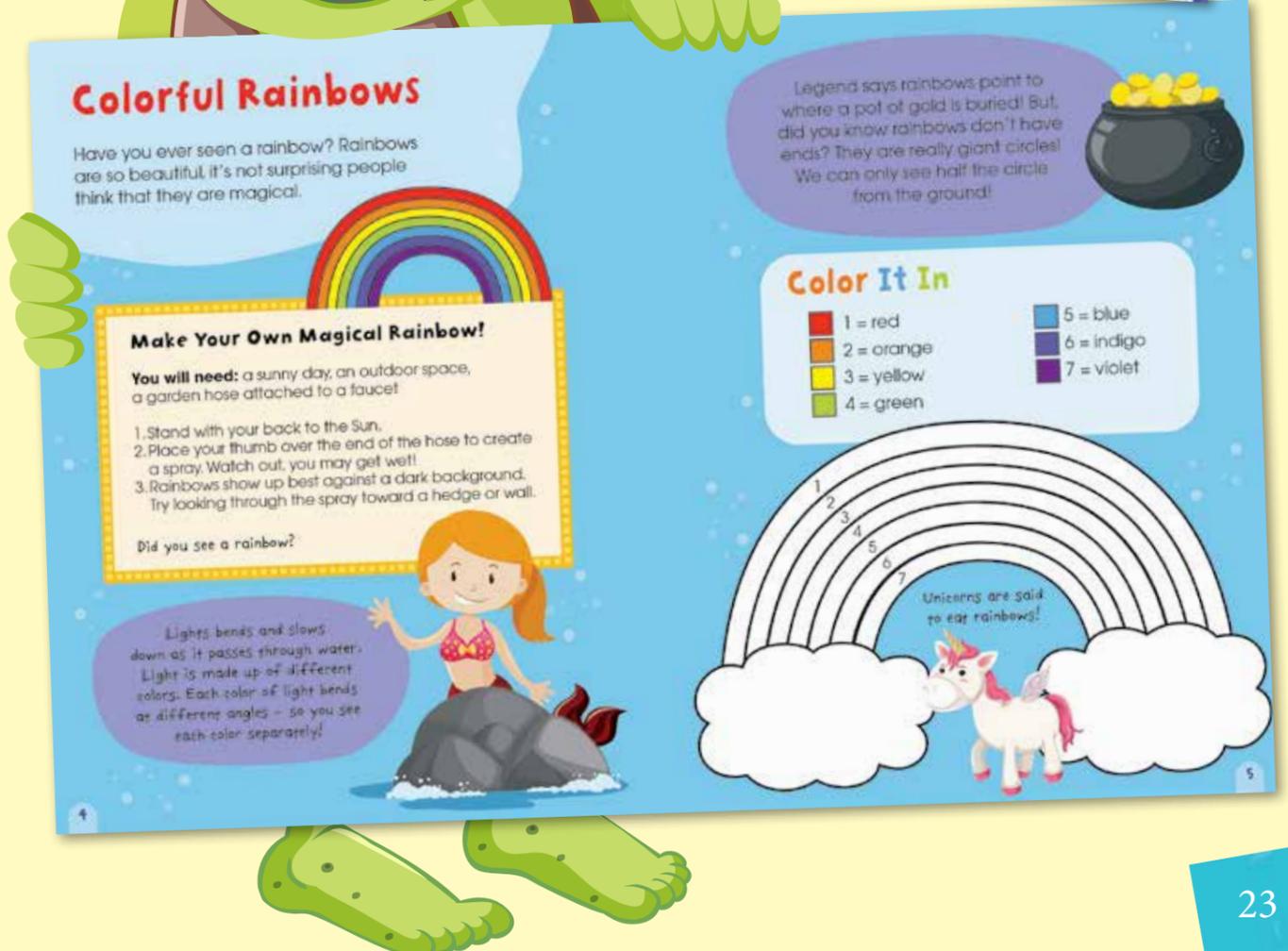
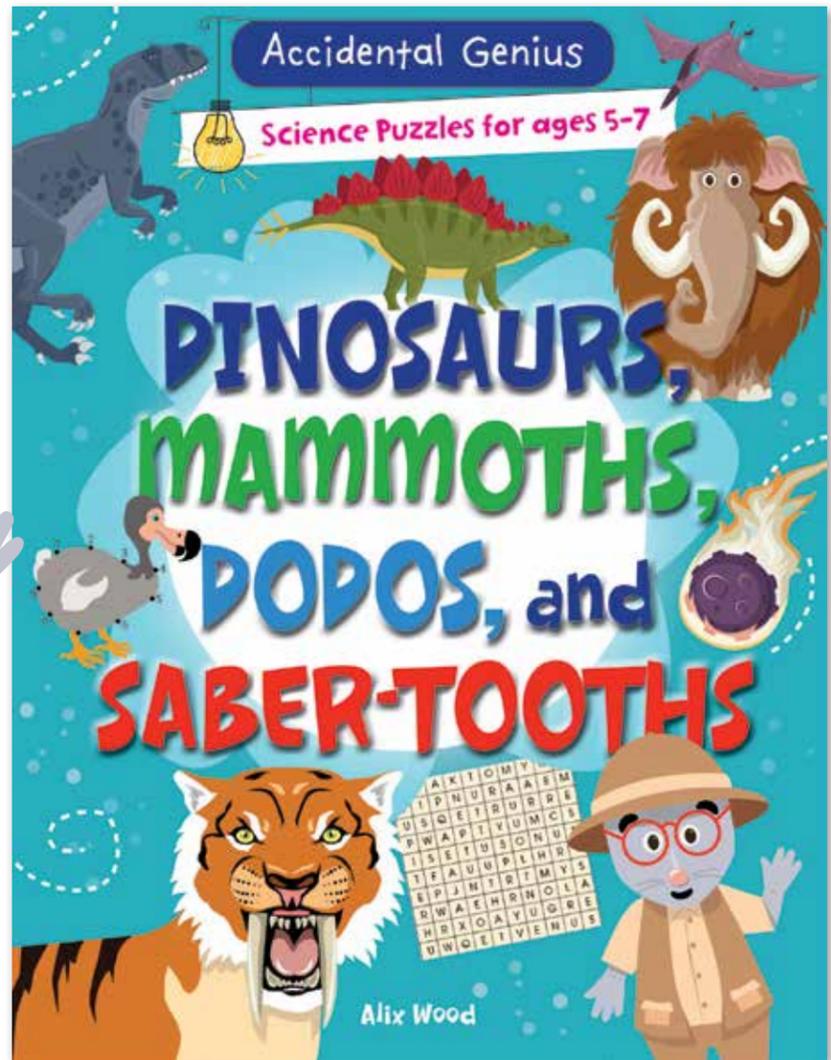
Accidental Genius

Science Puzzles for ages 5-7

**New Titles**  
 Dinosaurs, Mammoths, Dodos, and Saber-tooths  
 Unicorns, Dragons, Mermaids, and Giants

- Two new high-interest science-themed activity books that will keep any 5-7 year old busy and entertained. Oh, and they might accidentally learn loads about science too!
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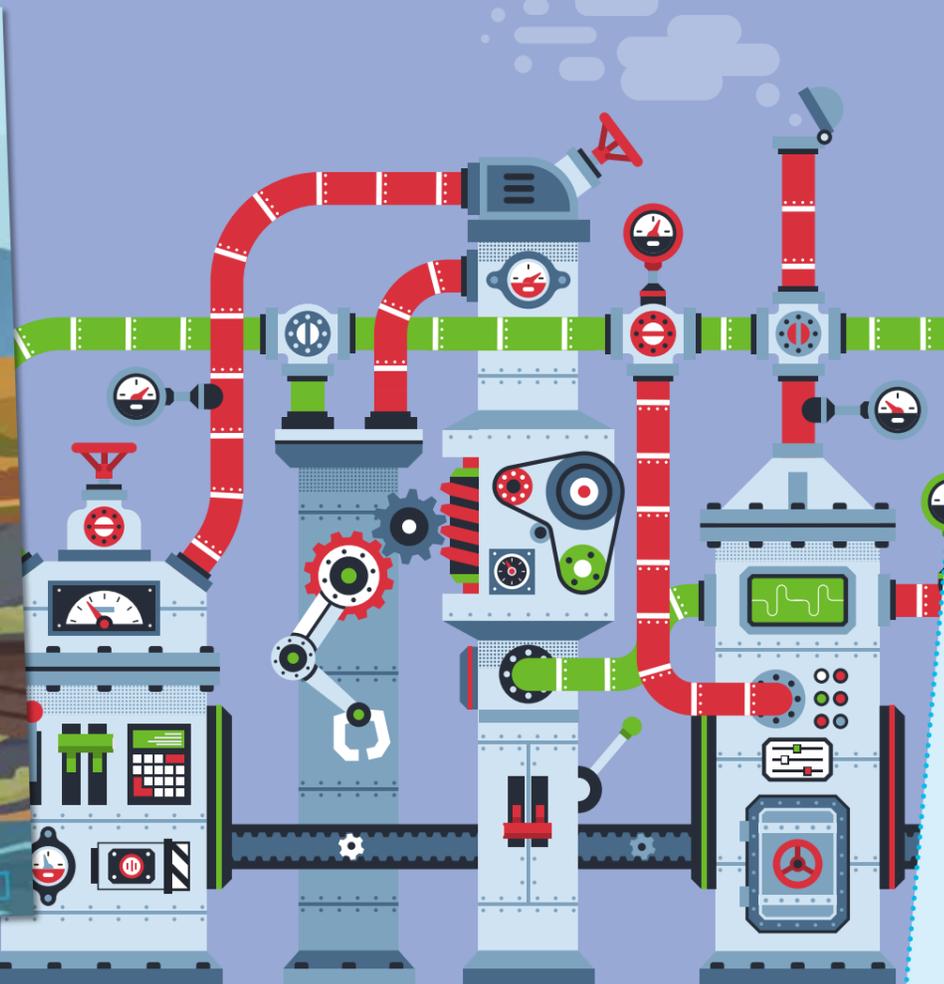
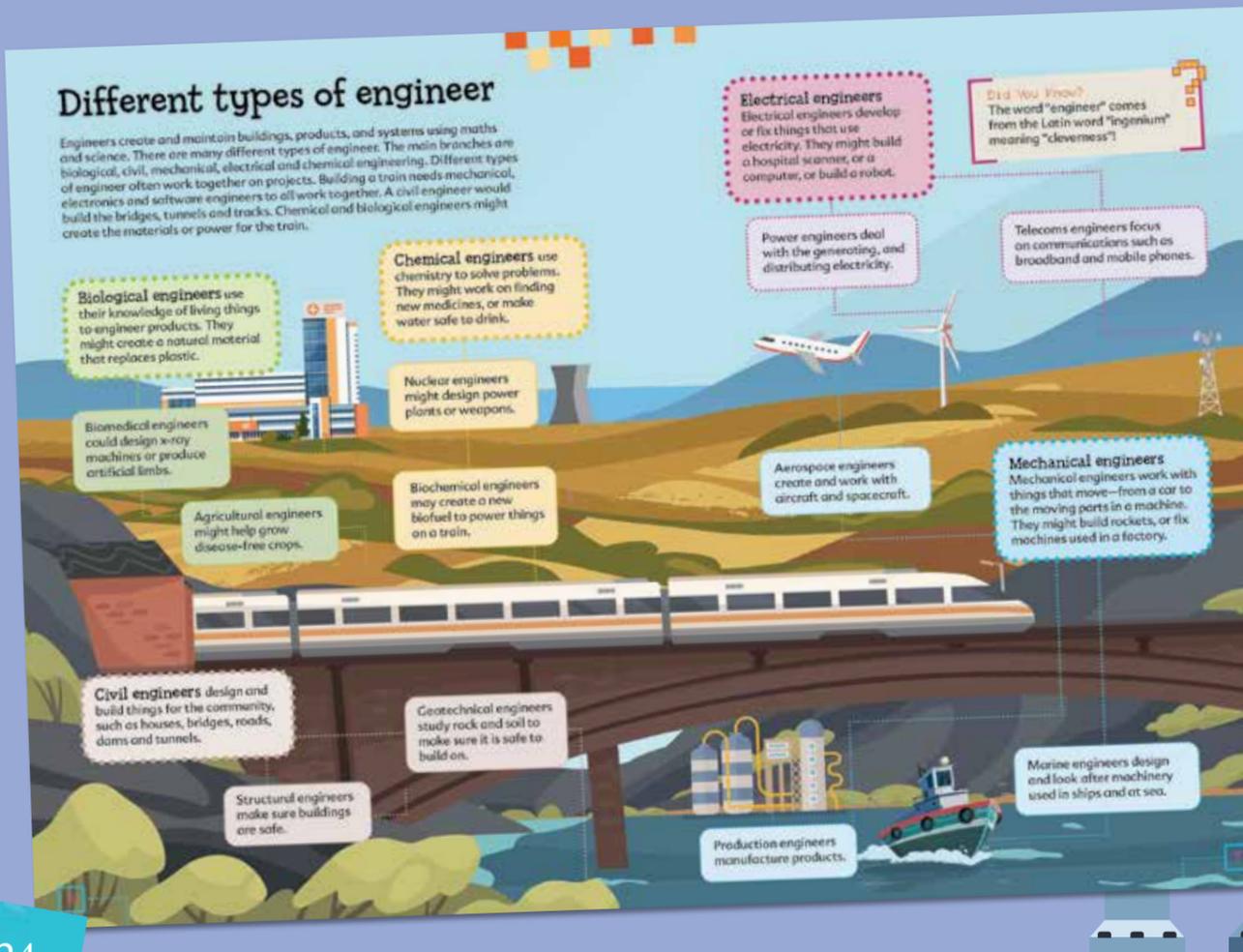
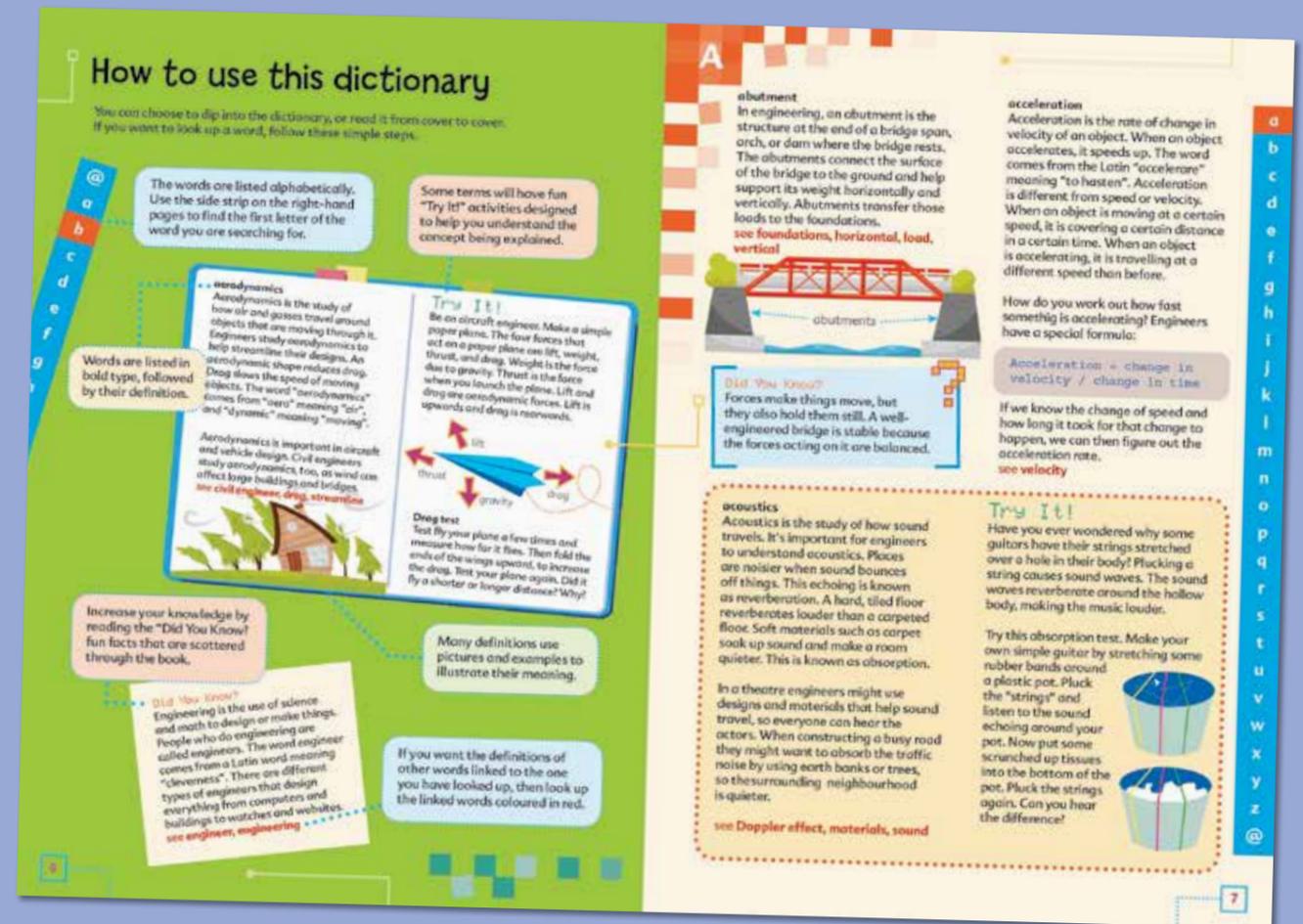
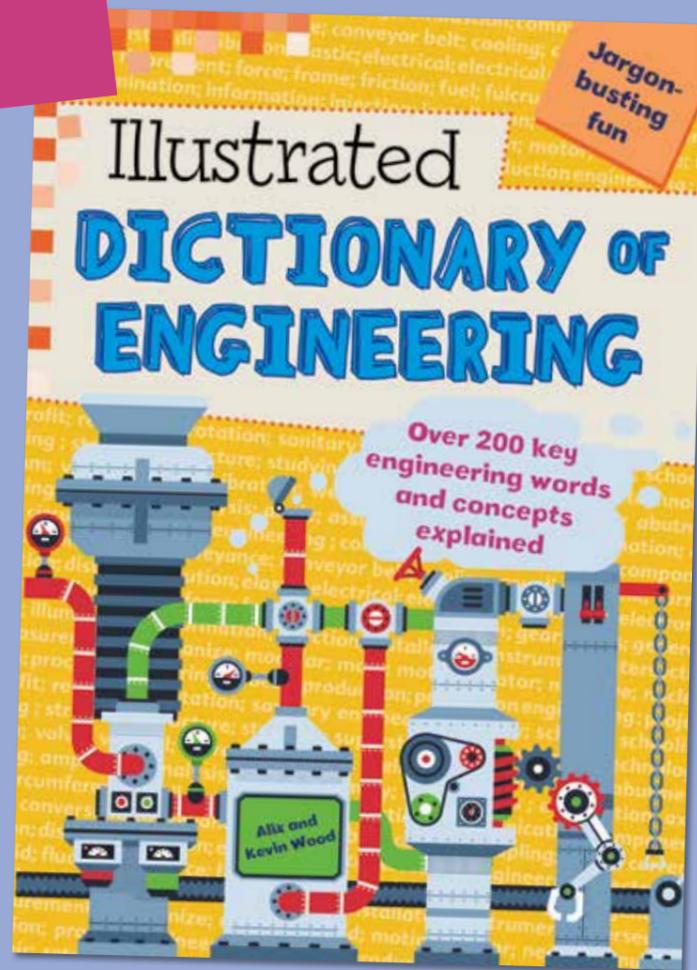
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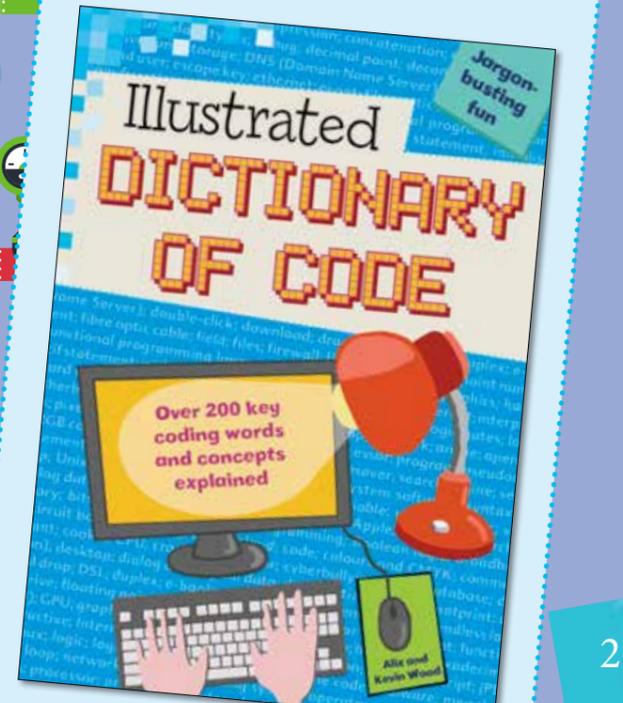
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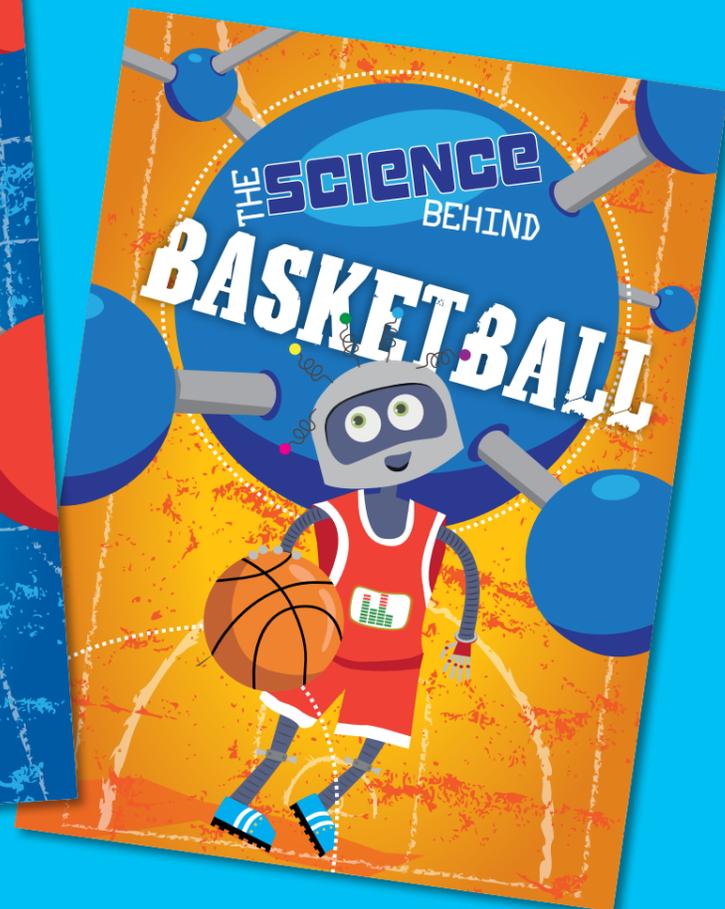
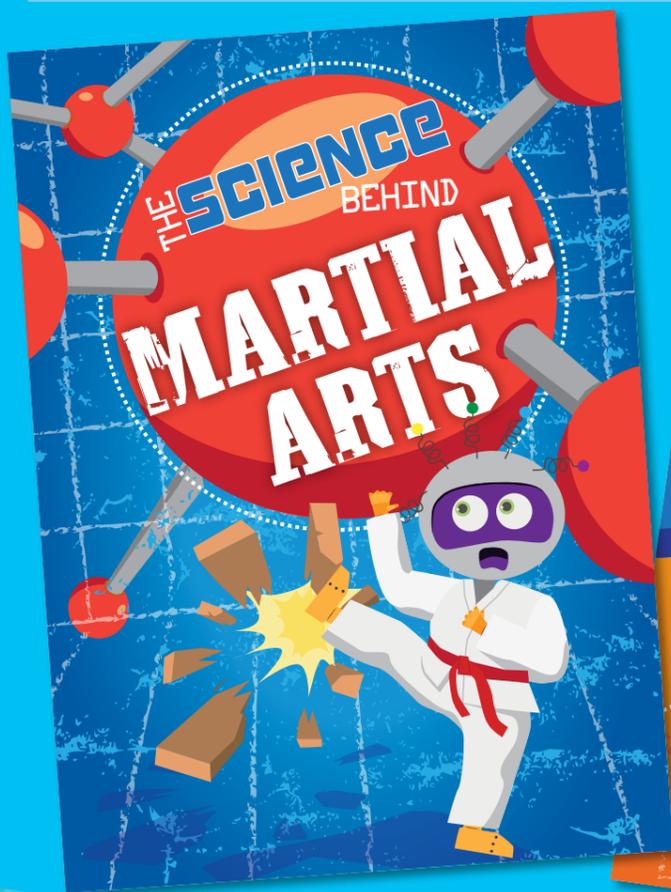
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