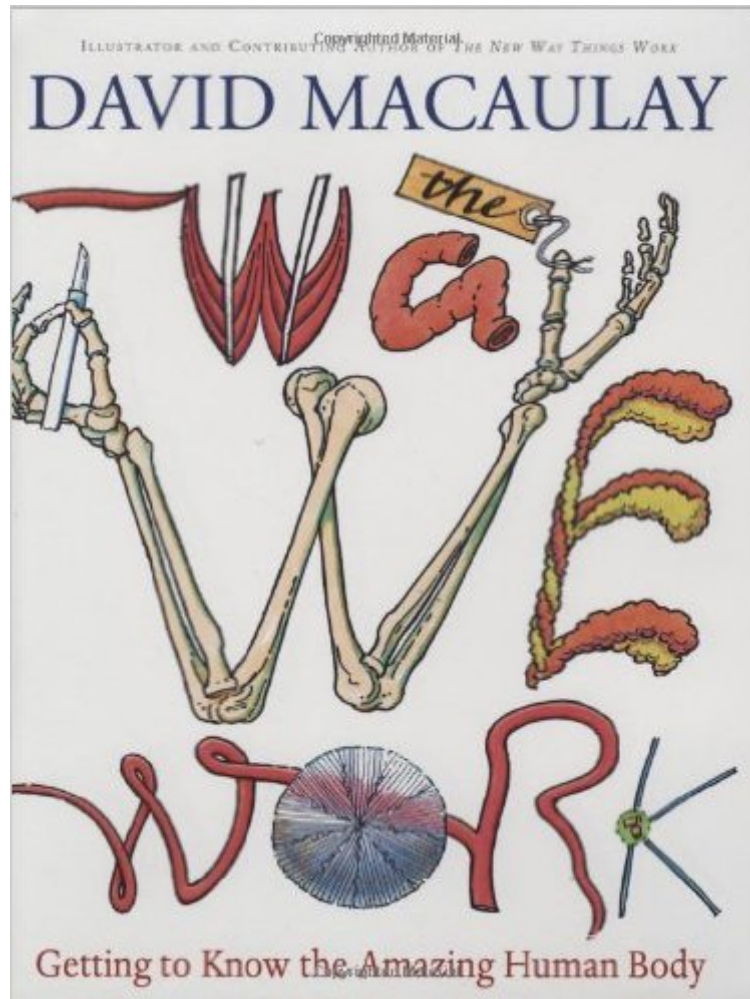


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# The Way We Work: Getting To Know The Amazing Human Body



## Synopsis

This is an outstanding guide to the human body from one of the world's great illustrators! Ever wondered how we breathe, or why? Or what happens to broccoli once your teeth have finished with it? Or how your eyes turn at the same time and in the same direction? Most of us don't stop to think about the countless everyday tasks our bodies perform automatically while we get on with our lives. And yet of all the complex things we encounter as we go through life, our bodies are probably the most remarkable of all...Explore everything from bones to bronchioles, noses to neurons in this clear, comprehensive and utterly engaging guide to the human body from award-winning author-illustrator David Macaulay, creator of the bestselling "The New Way Things Work". David Macaulay's research took several years, during which he sat in on anatomy classes, dissections and numerous operations. "The New Way Things Work" has enjoyed phenomenal global success, selling millions of copies worldwide, spending fifty weeks on the "New York Times" bestseller list, and being translated into dozens of languages. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a nurse and also a student currently working on my masters. During the course of my degree I have of course had to learn anatomy (body structures) and physiology (body functions). The one thing that I have always had issue with was the way even my very expensive books for school

seemed to lack in any really good illustrations. I am a visual learner and I really appreciate the clarity of a good illustration. What David Macaulay has done here with this book "The way WE work" is to look at the body from the viewpoint of an engineer and illustrator. Mr Macaulay is the mastermind of the very popular The way things work. He has brought those skills to the human body. I appreciate the very clear and thoughtful way he portrays different body components and how they all work together and eventually quit working. I recommend this book to anyone who is a visual learner or needs to really have a unique perspective for a project. This book is great for any grade school student to any college student. It will probably not replace your need to get the expensive A&P books, however. It will augment your current library though and that in itself is wonderful. Highly recommended!

I flipped through this book today with intentions of buying it for my 7 year old son. He is a huge fan of David Macaulay, and has thoroughly enjoyed The Way Things Work. I did not, however, purchase the book because of the last chapter on reproduction. This will be a great tool for kids who are ready for that particular lesson in life, however my 7 year old is not quite ready. The cross-section sketch of a penis inserted in the vagina as well as the page on the sperm's journey entitled "Winner Takes All!" is just a bit too much information for the younger child. We will be waiting a couple of years before purchasing this beautiful and informative book.

As a fan of David Macaulay's The Way Things Work book and videos, I was expecting better from this book. The content is presented in good depth. Compared to many other kid-friendly books on human body, this book's approach of understanding the functions of the systems and organ starting from cellular level (and molecular level) is very helpful to any kid who is curious to understand the "why"s of human physiology. Unfortunately, the explanations are often short-changed. Macaulay's previous book had much better illustrations that assisted explanation. This book's illustrations often touch only tangential topics, missing the crux of the topic that most needed an illustration to aid the explanation. I am sorry to say that illustrations seem to be chosen for the ease of the illustrator, and where complexity really needed an illustration for better explanation, the book instead relies on verbose explanations, that are often insufficient. The language is often not kid-friendly - the expected target audience. I find the book useful to arouse interest in human anatomy and physiology, and to frame the content to cater to the inquisitiveness of a "why" kid who otherwise finds human anatomy and physiology less than intriguing. It needs to be used in combination with other books/websites/videos that contain better explanations of the matter. The book comes across as a

good first attempt, but a rushed job. I wish Macaulay would revise this book soon, or even better, supplement with multimedia illustrations or videos.

Author David Macaulay's previous book, "The Way Things Work" is fantastic. It's illustrations are very well done, precise, attractive and information is easily absorbed. "The Way We Work" however is not of the same caliber of Macaulay's previous work. It is somewhat sloppy in appearance; the illustrations are not clear and the text is not placed well. My 10 year old grandson lost his initial enthusiasm very quickly as did I.

The anticipation for this book made me want to buy it right away, and I pre-ordered it on . It arrived and I was super enthused about the cover, and the size of this book. However, once you open it the images fade a bit in impressiveness. The writing, research, metaphors used by Macaulay are very original and the organization of the book from microscopic to traveling around the body effective. However, the information fades with the dubious pencil colorings of the book. Compared to the contrast that the cover offers, the inside illustrations have soft, sometimes difficult to discern images. I was really buying the book for the illustrations, and I have to say that in the end they didn't completely impress me.

I have a son who is always asking questions about how things work and currently says he wants to be a doctor when he grows up. Therefore, I bought this book thinking it would be a perfect Christmas present. Thank goodness I read through it first! The reproductive section is WAY too graphic to be appropriate for a child. I do not agree with the age rating on this book to start at 10 years old, unless you are prepared to have your child know EXACTLY how sex works. HOWEVER, this is a great book for teens and adults, and really breaks things down into simple, well-illustrated descriptions on all aspects of the human body.

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