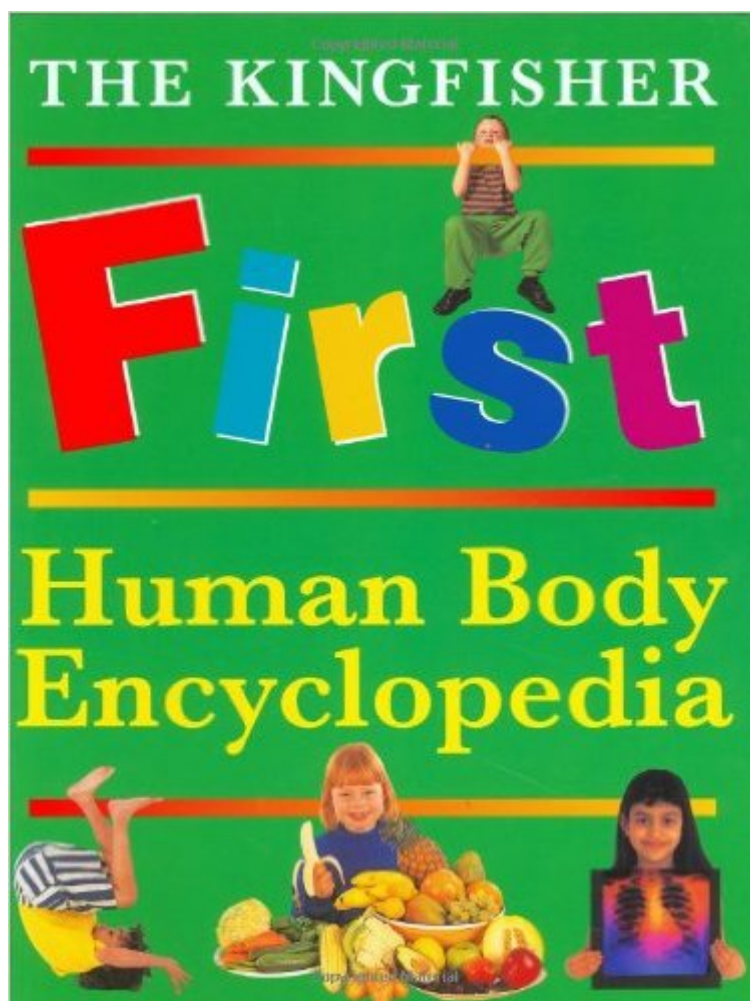


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# The Kingfisher First Human Body Encyclopedia (Kingfisher First Reference)



## Synopsis

This informative and activity-filled reference introduces younger children to human biology in a lively and accessible way. The book's thematic structure makes it easy for young readers to understand the various systems and organs that make up the body. Dozens of activities and experiments, including - Keeping a food diary (to analyze diet) - provide children with the opportunity to reinforce newly learned information. Full-color spreads address the questions that fascinate children, such as: What are we made of?, Why do we need to sleep?, and How do we breathe? A reference section at the back of the book includes a glossary, an index, and an 'Amazing facts' section. Special Features: Over 1,000 appealing, colorful photographs and illustrations. Clear and easy-to-understand definitions. Related activities and projects. Vocabulary carefully chosen for the 5-8 yr. reading level. Cross-references encourage further exploration.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

I actually first looked at this book just because it only had a one star rating and I wondered why. When I learned that, it was because it had children's level sex ed I bought it immediately. My 5 year old was trying to figure out what a birthday was for and I needed a little visual assist to help him understand that he came from my belly on that day. Really, the sex ed of this book is perfect for

small children. It shows a big blow up of an egg surrounded by sperm. It has two basic anatomy drawings of what is in a woman and what is in a man with no deep detail; they are small and dull in comparison to the Sperm and Egg multicolor blow up of a microscope picture. It shows on the next two pages a baby developing in the womb. It's just drawings and it has an ultra sound of the profile of a baby's head. Nothing about how the baby gets in there, nothing about how it comes out, just very basic things a small child can understand (I highly recommend it for the 5 year old set). It is very colorful and shows much of the anatomy in relation to children's bodies. The whole book is wonderful. It is drawings and pictures of all the major systems of the body. They are detailed enough that you can see all the stuff that is under our skin, but it is written simply. On the muscles of the face, rather than name them they say, "These muscles make you blink, these muscles make you smile." Very kid friendly and related to questions kids will ask. This is good for a beginner reader who is old enough to be curious about how the body works. It also has little boxes at the bottom of many pages with experiments that kids can do to give hands on visuals about the lessons presented. My son has been fascinated by it since it arrived and looks through it at least once a day.

We all REALLY like this book, a library acquisition that I will probably end up buying to add to our permanent "home library." There are enough visuals - photos, diagrams, illustrations etc. - that my not-quite-reading 5-year-old can enjoy this encyclopedia on her own, but enough text that we can all cozy up on the sofa and learn with it, too. This is a book that will really grow with my kids - offering knowledge on any level from this age on up. In case you're concerned because of another reviewer's reference to the book's treatment of human sexuality, there is literally one reference to a man's penis "entering" a woman's vagina. There are also detailed diagrams of both organs on that page. The very youngest kids probably won't be able to read this for themselves, so you can omit the specifics if you prefer; there is no other reference in the book, though on the next page, a developing embryo is shown, along with a pregnant woman. Frankly, I wouldn't trust a book on anatomy that LEFT OUT this information, and I believe that any child who has been prepared from an early age with a basic understanding of where babies come from will not be shocked by (or even at first, perhaps, very interested in) the specifics. As a religious person, I'd see it as my obligation to not only make this information available to my kids, but also use moments like this as an opportunity to talk about the sanctity of their bodies and the marriage in which I hope they will create their own babies someday. The rest of the book seems unlikely to stir controversy - and quite likely to hold kids' interest, especially with its many opportunities for kids to explore their own bodies - listening to their heartbeat, finding the blind spot on their retinas, etc.

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