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PLANTS DO AMAZING THINGS (Step-Up Books; No. 25)



Synopsis

Describes a variety of plants with unusual characteristics including those that give off light and those that eat insects.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I agree with two previous reviewers. Very educational and interesting book not only for children but also for adults. The author did a very good research to be able to put together so many amazing features of the plants in one book. One more comment. It would be nice to have photographs if possible rather than the pictures. The illustrations are nice but I worry that sometimes they change proportion or scale of the plants/insects too much. Anyways, it is an excellent book.

This is a book that is not only fun to read but is extremely educational - for adults as well as children and especially pre-teens or teens who read at a 3rd grade reading level. It is full of fascinating facts about all kinds of plants - facts that a reader would not usually not have come across before. I think it's an excellent book.

I agree with the first review, and think Hedda makes the subject fun for many ages and easy to understand. ALL of Hedda Nussbaums books should be available for all future generations. Maybe

Hedda will bring ALL of them back.I bought all of them for my kids growing up. They are fascinating. I also recommend books by Ruth Heller.

It's not every day you get a look at plants through the eyes of a child killer.While it can be very tempting to look for a foreshadowing of Hedda Nussbaum's direct involvement in the horrific, brutal murder of Elizabeth "Lisa" Launders (aka Lisa Steinberg), what's most fascinating is the almost psychotic detachment and neurotic self-centeredness that streams through these pages.Nussbaum has a gift for breaking down the complex into concepts easily understood by, say, even a criminally neglected six year old who's body is covered with bruises by savage beatings dolled out, undoubtedly, by both an abusive father and dysfunctional unsympathetic mother.Be it likening of the stacks of granna in the stroma to an endless series of thrashings dealt upon rising for not drinking enough water, to an uncomprehending six year old girl or the role of auxin in heliotropism to a child crying out for help to teachers, neighbors, social workers etc.Although the intended audience for this book is children of third grade reading level, it can make for an entertaining informative read while you wait for your ritualistically abusive common law husband to return from dinner with friends so you can freebase and then tend to the comatose child on your bathroom floor, or waiting for a call back from your devious lawyer planning to parlay your complicity in the sexual abuse and subsequent murder of your daughter into a pseudo-celebrity status in the "Womyn's Movement".

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