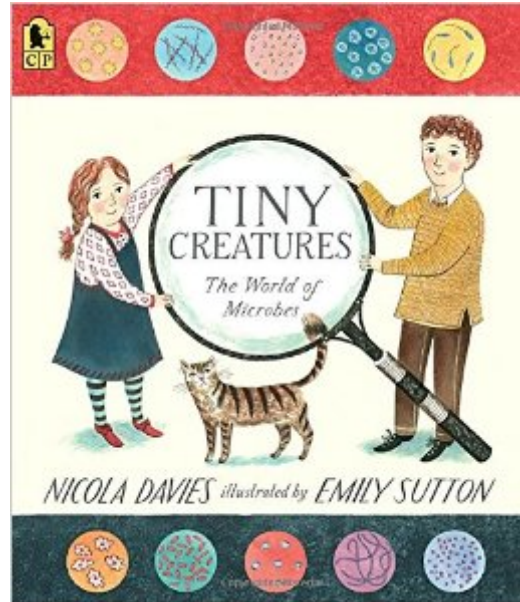


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# Tiny Creatures: The World Of Microbes (Read And Wonder)



## Synopsis

"Sutton's large-scale illustrations help children to visualize microorganisms and processes that are too small to see. . . . A handsome and rewarding picture book." — Booklist (starred review) All around the world "in the sea, in the soil, in the air, and in your body" there are living things so tiny that millions could fit on an ant's antenna. They're busy doing all sorts of things, from giving you a cold and making yogurt to eroding mountains and helping to make the air we breathe.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

LOVE THIS BOOK. An accessible introduction to microbes for 1st through 3rd grade. Definitely read aloud to students, pausing for space to "oooo" and "aaaah." I'd even be tempted to use it with older students as an introduction to more complex texts on this topic. Davies, the author, talks to you, the reader, in a conversation-like tone, with clear descriptions and explanations and simple analogies. The pace is gentle, providing the reader time to absorb the ideas "in other words the text is not dense with a lot of facts like so many texts on this topic. I learned a tremendous amount" "maybe as a result of the the pace, and the layout and design. The illustrations are magnificent, supporting the ideas in the text but also leaving some room for thinking on your own. You could read this aloud and then leave it in the classroom library for

rereading. Next Generation Science Standards “ this could be used as part of units that integrate the 2nd Grade Biological Evolution “Unity and Diversity standards and the 3rd Grade From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes standards. I’ve blogged about how to use this book with the Common Core standards (including just reading for enjoyment!) at <http://sundaycummins.wordpress.com/2014/12/18/new-book-accessible-intro-to-microorganisms-for-1st-3rd/>.

I like this book a lot. It is really interesting and fun to read. I am good at science, and my dad is a scientist but still I learned so much new stuff from this book. Before this book I didn’t even know what a microbe was or if it was a real word! Two of the many facts I learned: 1) Microbes are very very small and come in all shapes in sizes and 2) One microbe splits into 2, then 4, then 8, then 16 and so it is now easy to understand how getting one bad germ in my body can make me so sick. This is the kind of book I would read again and again. Even though it is simple enough for me to read on my own, the book makes me wonder about things and ask Mom and Dad questions. It even is making me think about STEM fair projects I want to do. I can’t wait to share this book with my class at school. I know they will like it as much as I do. Lucy H., Age 7, Tampa Bay Mensa

This book is a fantastic resource for any age reader! The pictures and text are engaging enough to keep my three-year-old sitting next to me and had his 12-year-old cousin asking tons of questions about microbes. It does a great job of explaining some basic jobs and features of microbes and then lists tons of jobs of microbes. The "why"s and "how"s raised at the end of the book gave us lots of things to further research. I am a former middle school science teacher and I wish I’d had this book for 7th grade cell studies. It would have been a great addition to our unit!

Microbes as organisms too small to be seen by the human eye are a topic that would be hard for children to understand since it’s a rather abstract concept. Nicola Davies has done an excellent job in explaining the concept of these small creatures that out number people by many millions to one. The amazing world of microbes comes to life in Davies’ words and Sutton’s illustrations. There is just enough detail to be interesting without becoming overly complicated for the intended audience. The illustrations show the differences in sizes between different microbes and how different they look as well as how quickly they can multiply. It’s a subject that can be rather overwhelming yet made palatable by the excellent work of Davies and Sutton.

It's rare when you can find a perfect combination of great pictures and great words. This book is one of those...the author has a wonderful way of explaining a difficult topic to kids. The illustrator makes her pictures inviting for kids (and adults). We love this book!

How to make science facts fun for young kids? This book does an outstanding job! I've fallen in love with non-fiction picture books and this one is a great example of one that is full of fun facts. The text is engaging and encouraging kids to learn about microbes and how important it is to wash our hands. Clear simple colorful illustrations help young children understand the size differential between microbes and other objects. I also loved how the book brought out that even the smallest objects can be powerful and useful. As a former kindergarten teacher, I love books that make science a fun subject. And as a mom, I appreciate that the book encourages kids to wash their hands in order to stay healthy. I highly recommend this book...it should be on every school library shelf. Vivian Kirkfield Author - Show Me How! Build Your Child's Self-Esteem Through Reading, Crafting and Cooking

Just perfection. Outstanding illustration and easy-to-digest text -- my science-loving two-year-old is as inquisitive as ever. This book has introduced the fascinating world of microbes -- and there's no turning back! My daughter now loves to tell me there are microbes everywhere, she loves to wash microbes off her hands, loves to draw microbes, and simply just loves this book and will "read" it to herself cover to cover. Quite possibly the most loved book in our collection. I would give it ten stars.

The artwork is beautiful in this book. My only complaint is that some of the information is inaccurate. I'm a biology professor, so I was a little disappointed in some of the information presented, but overall it is a great book to introduce kids to the microscopic world.

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