

Reviews

Early Readers

Corn Aplenty

"This Step 1 entry into the Step into Reading series gives teachers the opportunity to branch out from apples and pumpkins in their farm units. ...In keeping with the level of the text, the sentences are short, with simple vocabulary that concentrates on verbs, nouns and adjectives and allows the illustrations to provide the context clues needed by beginning readers...A nice addition to school libraries looking to expand on the farm topic." *Kirkus Reviews, April 15, 2009*

A Box Can Be Many Things

"A solid addition to collections for young readers, this little book will appeal to imaginative preschoolers as well." *Booklist, May 1, 1997*

The Secret Code

"The message that comes across in this primer is that reading is fun whether one uses one's eyes or one's fingers." *School Library Journal, August 1998*

Compass Point Early Readers

"We're all watching constantly for those very early readers, and Compass Point Early Readers fills the bill. Written by well-known author and former associate editor at Children's Press, Dana Meachen Rau, the series is also informed by highly respected literacy expert Dr. Linda D. Labbo.... All in all, I highly recommend that you take a look."
Susan Johnson, Ingram Library Services, July 2001

Yahoo for You

"...This book and the others in this series should be a first choice for elementary libraries and a wonderful addition to home libraries."
Beverly Schlosser, Nine Mile School District, April 2002

Nonfiction for Young Readers

Bookworms: Fire Safety

"More than the typically distant fire-engine drama, this small, square early reader in the Bookworms: Safe Kids series speaks directly to young kids about the danger to them in daily life....By showing a family running over a fire plan, this scary stuff is framed in a reassuring way. ... The exciting scenarios are sure to hook early readers." *Booklist, October 1, 2009.*

Bookworms: Guess Who Stings

"In a smaller format that's perfect for little hands, Dana Meachen Rau's *Guess Who Stings* (Marshall Cavendish, 2009) is a winning entry from the publisher's playful "Guess Who" series which piques readers' interest with a guessing-game approach." *School Library Journal Curriculum Connections, 10/6/09*

Harriet Tubman

"This series, replete with illustrations, proves that historical figures can be compelling reading, even for the youngest ages." *Today's Librarian, February 2001*

Bookworms: Shape of the World

"Early success in reading hinges on pairing the learner with appropriate books. This series offers just that, a high success, a high interest nonfiction text, for the earliest readers." *Children's Literature, 2007*

Bookworms: Verbs in Action

"All are highly recommended: they stand out from the crowd." *Children's Bookwatch, February 2006*

Bookworms: What's Inside Me?

"Dana Meachen Rau uses attention-grabbing language appropriate for the early elementary learner...The superb language brings each system to life." *Kay Pedretti, The American Biology Teacher, October 2005*

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Nonfiction for Older Readers

Our Solar System series

"Presenting specific information in simple language and large, bright photos or art, these outstanding starter volumes provide sturdy bases upon which to build a lifelong interest in matters extraterrestrial. ...Free of hyperbole and vague generalizations, these titles belong on any buddy astronomer's reading list, between Joanna Cole's *The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System* (Scholastic) and Seymour Simon's titles on the individual planets (Morrow)." *School Library Journal*, August 2002

The Milky Way and Other Galaxies

"Rau gazes far beyond our astronomical neighborhood to introduce some of the universe's most mysterious and spectacular structures. Earning high marks for visual appeal, and for clear, specific presentation of information, she describes the nature of our own galaxy and then presents a gallery of other types, along with brief mentions of quasars, clusters, and superclusters." *School Library Journal*, December 2005

Electricity and Magnetism

"...Rau describes in clear, simple terms how static and current electricity behave and are used..." *Booklist*, 2009

Picture Books

A Star in My Orange

"Through one-sentence descriptions and full-color, uncluttered photographs, readers are taken on a journey of discovery in the natural world." *School Library Journal*, May 2002

"Rau goes beyond basic geometric shapes to introduce children to more sophisticated forms in nature, from star shapes in snowflakes to the spirals of a ram's horn. A book that will encourage children to look more closely at their world, think about it, and admire the beauty and symmetry of its design." *Booklist*, December 1, 2002

One Giant Leap

"No child can remain unmoved by One Giant Leap...The story captures the action and excitement of the journey and the moonscape illustrations set the mood." *Jim Frost, Chicago Sun Times*

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