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Don't Touch That!: The Book Of Gross, Poisonous, And Downright Icky Plants And Critters





Synopsis

Youâ [™]ve probably heard the warning about poison ivy: “Leaves of three, leave it be.â • If only it were that simple! Do you know that a plant that has been dead for years can still cause a rash, or that if you burn poison ivy you can get a skin reaction just by walking through the smoke? And thatâ [™]s just one species to avoid--if youâ [™]re not careful, you can also run into poison oak, poison sumac, trumpet creeper, giant hogweed, stinging nettle, and all sorts of cacti. There are also things that can run into you--critters and creepy crawlies such as velvet ants, killer bees, pit vipers, wasps, scorpions, mosquitoes, tarantulas, bats, black widow spiders, gila monsters, and more. Whatâ [™]s a kid to do? Doctor Jeff Day offers helpful advice on how to avoid getting stung, bit, poked, jabbed, or poisoned . . . and what to do if you are. Youâ [™]II learn about everything from rashes to anaphylaxis, tetanus to spider bites, bee stings to rabies. And though the information he provides is serious, Dayâ [™]s cartoons will have you laughing and scratching along.

Book Information

Paperback: 112 pages Publisher: Chicago Review Press (June 1, 2008) Language: English ISBN-10: 155652711X ISBN-13: 978-1556527111 Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.3 x 9 inches Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (10 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #305,968 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #38 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Health > Safety #207 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Biology #4405 in Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

Customer Reviews

Ok, so my kid (6 yrs old) asked me if he could read this book instead of playing with Legos. Yeah, I'm still reeling from that. If that's not a glowing recommendation, I don't know what is. This book is like a field guide with all the boring stuff stripped out. It dives right into the information that kids really need -- all the things that will make you itch, swell up or scream mommy! And how to identify them, avoid them or treat them if your curiosity makes you "forget" the first two things. And the cartoons scattered throughout? Brilliantly twisted - in a kid appropriate manner of course!

As an educator for 30 years, I love every page, every illustration, every humor punctuated in the text!Every school library should have this book!Dr. Yu-Lan LinBoston Public Schools

This is a great book to entertain and delight kids with the icky wonders of the world -- spiders, insects, plants that eat both, and so on. In addition to fantastic illustrations and clever commentary, though, the book is packed full of really useful information about what to worry about (or not) in terms of poisonous critters, plants that make you itch, and everything in between. My 4 year old was so entertained that he insisted on taking the book to preschool to show off -- and proceeded to explain tarantulas, and their relationship to the Italian dance the tarantella, to anyone who would listen. Your kids will love this book. And they just might learn something too!

I bought this book to keep in the classroom. Currently, I teach middle school English Language Learners, but I think this book would be great for any 3-8 teacher or high school science teacher. It is filled with fun pictures and great facts about insects, plants and animals. The students always race to get the book first when there is any free time in the classroom. If you are looking for a good non-fiction book to put in your classroom library, this is it!

This book is great! Has an enormous amount of information, that is supported by medical information, wonderful drawings, great humor, and is great for children (and adults actually)! I would recommend this book to anyone with children, as it's a fun way to learn about their environment. Mr. Day is an excellent author, and I look forward to seeing more of his work!

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