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This engaging and quirky introduction into the history and facts about our world and its hidden wonders explores how humans came to inhabit planet Earth and much more.

Hey There, Earth Dweller! is a fun, educational journey into everything a kid would want to know about the planet we call home. Kids are invited to learn about large-scale topics, from what makes up the many layers of the Earth—from the core to exosphere—traveling all the way out into the solar system and our many neighboring planets and moons.

Presented in a vibrant mixed medium design that cleverly and humorously combines original illustrations with photographs of everyday items, this creative take on an institutional topic allows kids to engage and grasp scientific concepts covered, while encouraging them to inquisitively uncover the answers to all of their planetary questions.

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Andreea says

I was sent a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Every once in a while I read a non-fiction book for kids that is simply perfect!!

The information is really good, but easy to understand - and there were some things I learnt too. The book is written in such way that it makes you wonder more and more and be curious about the Earth. It is a really great book, and the illustrations make it even better!

I only have good things to say about this book! I loved it and I am going to get it for every little Earth Dweller in my family!

Full review to be shared on publication date!

Laura Gardner says

Hey There, Earth Dweller aims to explain scientific phenomena from the solar system to the earth's crust to the atmosphere. The mixed media format lends itself to quick browsing for interesting facts; in fact the illustrations may be my favorite parts of the book. For example, in the section on water all over the earth, there is a page with different shaped fish with the image of the body of water inside the shape of the fish. Other effective images include visual explanations of how tides are affected by the revolution of the moon. The book attempts a conversational, jokey tone that works some of the time.

Students who like browsing factual books about scientific topics may like this book.

The book feels like just one fact on top of another without a particularly novel approach. The book is also very Euro-centric with a brief cursory mention of conquered peoples in a discussion of the age of exploration. There is no index or bibliography, but there are source notes.

Siusan says

Mac ter Horst's Hey There, Earth Dweller! was an interesting read. I enjoyed all the science packed into the book along with the wonderful illustrations by Wendy Panders. It was a good primer for a lot of different topics that make for fun conversations between kids and other kids and kids and adults. Also it was a great refresher for this adult. I will say, while I appreciated some of the bluntness of what could happen to future earth, whether thru human impact or just nature taking its course, it may be a little too much for some more sensitive readers. Overall, I feel this would make a great read for any young mind that enjoys learning more about this wonderful place we live.

Den says

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I am reviewing this book for Marc ter Horst and NetGalley who gave me a copy of their book for an honest review.

A very informative book about the world and the impact we have on which would make a good non-fiction book for any book shelf. There were even bits in there that I hadn't thought about for a while. It's one of those books which grabs your interest and then makes you want to explore further. The numerous illustrations fit alongside the text and enhance some of it.

Danielle (Starry-Eyed Librarian) says

Disclaimer: I received a free Digital Advance Reader Copy (ARC) of Hey There, Earth Dweller! from Aladdin/Beyond Words through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Full review will be shared closer to publication date!

Tapasya says

A wonderful colorful educational book filled with information about our planet. It's a fun book for kids. I enjoyed reading it with my son.

It delivered the information in a really playful way, without being dull.

A very good add to my kid's bookshelf.

La Coccinelle says

DNF @ 27%

When a book starts making me dread opening up the reading app, it's time to call it quits.

I believed the synopsis when it said the book would be "engaging and quirky". That was a lie. I was not engaged. And if "quirky" means "badly written" and "factually incorrect", then I'm afraid I need a new dictionary.

I made a number of notes about errors in the text as I was reading, and since I only got about 1/4 of the way through... well, I shouldn't have had any, really, if this is a non-fiction title. This book reads like a textbook, so I expect it to get its facts right. I don't want to have to look everything up because it may or may not be correct. In the 27% I read, here are a few things I noticed:

If the Earth weren't turning, we would be in either eternal day or eternal night.

Untrue. I learned about this in my astronomy class in university. If the Earth weren't turning *at all*, we would still have day and night... but it would last an entire year. Think about it: as the Earth is moving around the sun, the only way it could have one side always facing the sun is if it were slowly turning itself. This is what happens with the moon. Its rotation has slowed so that it's essentially locked with one side facing Earth. That's why our moon has a "dark side" that we can't see.

But in space there are simply too few air particles to slow the Earth down much.

The Earth's rotation is gradually slowing down, but air particles aren't what's doing it. It's the tidal pull from our own moon.

Your grandma's grandma didn't have a cell phone. She probably didn't even have a watch.

Maybe true... if you're a 60-year-old kid! I'm old enough to have children that could read this book, meaning that their supposed grandmother's grandmother would be my great-grandmother. Three out of four of my great-grandmothers lived until the 1960s and 1970s; the other died in 2004. Watches definitely existed!

But then a Roman astronomer calculated that it takes the Earth a little longer than 365 days.

I assume this refers to Sosigenes of Alexandria... who was actually a Greek astronomer from Egypt.

See what I mean about the errors? How can I trust the rest of the information? I shouldn't have to Google every fact just to verify that it's correct. Oh, and let's not forget the editing lapses:

Thing's that spin around want to get away from the center.

I chalk that one up to the translator and editors. That's just not good enough for a non-fiction book for children.

In theory, this sounded like a book I would really enjoy. But I found it to be too heavy on the text, making it more like a textbook than a picture book. I felt like I was back in school again, doing required reading... except I'm now old enough to realize that not everything I'm reading is true. This book needs better fact checking and editing before it's released on unsuspecting kids.

Ms. Arca says

2.5.

I like the concept and I do think kids who love learning about the planet (I can think of a few I've taught!) will enjoy flipping through this book at home. Besides that, I'm not exactly sure how it could be used .. in a non-fiction book bin for kids to flip through during independent reading time? I'm not exactly sure this totally nails it image-wise or with its contents organizationally. But it's fun and informative and for the right kid, I could see it being something they pored over?

I received this as an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Laura Maher says

What a fun book! I would say the science concepts the book discusses are most appropriate for children around 9 years old and up. The book is written and presented in a fun, easy to read way that focuses on the big picture interspersed with trivia facts. I can see a child, every few minutes, yelling - "MOM! Did you know....!" and reciting one of the many compelling factoids they're learning. There is a lot of education packed into here, but condensed and more of a fun overview of many topics ranging from the the solar system, the origin of the Earth, weather, Earth inhabitants, innovation, natural disasters, evolution, and the eventual demise of the Earth. The illustrations and graphics are very helpful and complete the book.

This is a book to buy a physical copy of. The e-book (Kindle format, ARC) was decent and worked better than most kid's books with illustration, but I would enjoy actually seeing it all well-formatted more. Plus, it's probably one that you'll be keeping and passing around between friends and family over the years!

My toddler obviously doesn't understand the concepts, but she did enjoy some of the photos. A good investment for a book the family will enjoy!

Cat says

Awesome little fact book for kids! It's science in a fun way- creation of planet onward. It really wouldn't be too useful for a science project per se, but just a casual read it here or there to satisfy curiosity. it's well written and chummy rather than a you must learn this info! kind of book. Lots of interesting trivia, too. I think kids might enjoy reading it, especially those interested in the science. I am thinking grades 4th to 7th will like this book.

I received a Kindle ARC from Netgalley in exchange for a fair review.
