

### **Science Readers: Content and Literacy, Grades Pre-K-K**

“Young readers are introduced to three science content areas—life, physical, and Earth and space—that support Next Generation Science Standards in these beginner volumes. Easy-to-read text clearly explains basic concepts, while colorful photos of familiar objects enable students to better grasp the ideas. Interactive elements, such as ‘Your Turn!’ and ‘Let’s Do Science!’ invite students to apply what they’ve learned through hands-on activities, specifically through charting, drawing, and writing...Overall, the book effectively draws attention to the serious nature of pollution.”

—*School Library Journal*, May 2015

### **Science Readers: Content and Literacy, Grades 3–5**

“Maintaining a steady balance between general concepts and specific facts, these surveys are apt to stimulate broader interest in science and nature as well as provide helpful information for elementary level reports... *Changing Matter* includes plasma as the ‘fourth state’ to solids, liquids, and gases (and features a crowd-pleasing infographic showing what happens when solid food changes to gas in the human stomach). *Predict It!* is a wide-ranging introduction to using the scientific method to test hypotheses, and the authors of both *Photosynthesis and Gravity* cleverly bring the water cycle into their purviews. Examples are well chosen for the intended audience, too. Each volume’s easily digestible narrative is enhanced with a mix of photographs and cartoon images or schematics and capped with a pair of very low-overhead individual or group projects... Both the content and the lively presentations will leave readers pleased as well as better informed.”

—*School Library Journal*, May 2015

### **Science Readers: Content and Literacy, Grades 4–6**

“Does the world really need more books about well-worn elementary science topics such as light, plant life cycles, fossil fuels, and animals? Yes—if they are done as well as these new books in the Science Readers series. The books have a friendly tone that strikes the perfect balance between matter-of-factness and wonder. They get beyond the surface of serious scientific topics without becoming boring or pedantic. The writing is engaging enough to draw in even non-science lovers, and the photos and diagrams consistently illustrate and enrich the text. *Animal Senses* is the gem of the collection, packed with exciting facts supported by excellent background information and visual comparisons of differences, such as how humans and dogs see color. *Light and Its Effects* provides a more straightforward explanation of topics such as color and refraction, but still employs interesting examples, illustrative photos, and helpful diagrams. *Plant Reproduction* covers pollination and different types of seeds with a straightforward but deft hand. *The Story of Fossil Fuels* takes a more personal approach, including an introductory narrative about the formation of fossil fuel and touching lightly on readers’ experience with the use and conservation of fossil fuels. A carefully described but open-ended project and observation-based activity conclude, encouraging readers to extend their learning and undertake their own scientific exploration.”

—*Miriam Aronin*, *Booklist Magazine*, August 2015