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CheMystery



Synopsis

Two cousins + one radiation accident = the ability to see and manipulate atoms like never before. Suzie and Diego become two unlikely superheroes, determined to save the world from a monster created by the same thing that gave them powers. NGSS compliant and classroom-friendly for teachers, yet monster-filled and superpower-fueled for teen readers, CheMystery offers a superhero tale with a mystery that only science can solve.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 7 - 10

Customer Reviews

"A strong cliffhanger will have readers who make it through, especially those with chemistry interests, coming back for more" - Kirkus "CheMystery is chock full of adventure, solid science, and fun facts." - Andy Warner (Cartoonist and New York Times Best Selling author of Brief Histories of Everyday Objects) "Anyone that knows me is aware of my obsession with science. Chemistry and Organic Chemistry were some of the more interesting classes I took in college. What makes up the things we use every day? How do they work? CheMystery is a fantastic look at some basic chemistry principles, but told from the perspective of two kids learning about them. Their adventures will teach you a lot about some core science, but more importantly it's an entertaining read and it's fun! That's the best way to learn." - Matt Hawkins (Writer, Physicist, President and COO of TopCow) "While reading this graphic

novel, *CheMystery*, who does not grow a love for chemistry?! The author and illustrator skillfully and artfully integrate an interesting story line, humor, vivid graphics, appropriate amount of print on each page, and scientific knowledge about chemistry written in a comprehensible way. This graphic novel illustrates that chemistry is part of our life, and we've gotten to learn about it. Students, including those struggling with reading comprehension, will be motivated to learn about chemistry in this graphic novel. All thumbs up for this chemistry book 2.0." - Shelley Hong Xu (Professor in the department of teacher education at California State University, Long Beach)"Suzie and Diego's race to save the world from a rampaging radiation monster is the perfect intersection of science and adventure. The more Suzie and Diego learn about how our world works, the more the duo is able to unlock their super-powers and use them for good. This story takes readers on a quest for knowledge, a battle against danger, and shows us the power of true friendship." - Nomi Kane (Cartoonist and alumni of The Center for Cartoon Studies)

C. A. Preece is a high school chemistry teacher in central Kentucky and a graduate student at the University of Kentucky studying S.T.E.M. education, where he aims to research the effects of learning chemistry through comics. C. A. grew up on Meathouse Road in Martin County, Kentucky for most of his childhood. He later attended Morehead State University (MSU) for a B.S. in chemistry, the University of Kentucky for chemistry graduate school, and returned to MSU for a M.A. in teaching. C. A. has been teaching high school since 2010. Comics have always been a passion for C. A. as he bought his first for a dime from his uncle Dan at the age of 4. His love of comics and science have merged in his website atomicuniverse.org, panels at comic conventions on science in comics, and science consulting on a couple comic series (*Solar: Man of the Atom* by Frank Barbiere and *Lazarus* by Greg Ruka). Josh Reynolds comes from a military household, and has seen almost every corner of the U.S. He started drawing at the age of six, made his first comics at the age of thirteen, and at twenty-two, earned his BFA in Sequential Art from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

This is a fun graphic novel (comic book style) for middle-school-aged kids. It takes basic principles of Chemistry and weaves them in with an entertaining story. This may be a great way to get some important information to a student who has difficulty reading more boring textbooks. I also see this being great for advanced 6th graders in helping to prepare them for the basics of chemistry. The story line is divided into chapters in this 108 page soft-bound book. The 13 year old is enjoying it and I know the 10 year old will next year too!

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