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Witty verse about the body pairs with whimsical art in this fun collection. The poems pose puzzles in verse (nod slyly to Shakespeare) and give hints for uncovering the body part. Sidebars educate readers on anatomy, while appended notes look at poetic form and Shakespearean works that inspired the verses. Captivating lines will spark interest in poetry and biology alike.

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Emily says

4 stars

Random Body Parts is a SUPER cute book of short poems about several different parts of the body, including the heart, the stomach, the eyelids, and the bloodstream. I absolutely loved several of the poems, while others were a little "eh" for me. The best part of the whole book (definitely warranting an extra half star) was the superb illustration work done by Mike Lowery. The next best part of this book was the little excerpts about each body part following the poem. They were easy to understand and also included prompts for how to sound out difficult words.

Overall, a cute book about human anatomy-- definitely would buy for a child who is interested in science/the body. Probably grades 3-5 appropriate

This book was provided to me by the publishers at NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

Maria says

Clever and funny.

Trevor says

It was an interesting book to say the least and if you are using this for your chart, it can be counted as non-fiction ore poetry. I little boring.

Riley says

This book was a very quick read. It was filled with interesting facts, while in a poetry format. I really liked it, because of this format. Normally, I wouldn't like an informational read like this, but the poetry spin on it made it enjoyable. If anyone needs to fill their poetry or nonfiction genre requirement, this book would be good for that.

Megz says

Random Body Parts is an adorable and witty book of verse about, well... random body parts. The illustrations are fantastic and humorous, and the verse is fast paced and relatable. As an adult reader I did

find the verse to be rather juvenile but nonetheless relatable. Personally, as I don't have kids, I would purchase this book based on the hilarious anatomical content and the lovely illustrations.

Also, I would love to buy this for any young kids in my family or, had I kids, for them! Just imagine reading this at bedtime:

“You can search for lost words on my tip,
Or reveal hidden thoughts when I slip.
With my muscle-bound shove,
Tasty foods that you love,
Deconstruct on a long downward trip.”

(Yep. My kids are going to be the ultimate nerds one day.)

I think the true genius in this book is that the illustrations and easy verse make it suitable for a younger audience from age 5, but the learning opportunity about poetry and anatomy also makes it appropriate for an audience of the age of about 10.

Disclaimer: I received an e-galley of this book via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Donalyn says

I suggest reading the informational call out boxes to provide background information and context before reading each poem. Helpful glossary of science terms and poetic forms in the back matter.

Rebecca Gomez says

This book is really clever. I love the combination of poetry and anatomy. It's a good resource for learning about both topics.

†Roxanne†(Death by Book Avalanche) ? says

ARC received from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review, thank you.

I imagine this book would look really nice as a glossy, A4, paperback. Bright, colourful and attractive with cute little drawings and speech bubbles. Visually, this is definitely a winner. After reading this book I understand that it definitely isn't aimed at my age group, I'm too old and my daughter is too young *sad face* although I believe it's something I would of liked when I was younger.

I requested this because as a child I was fascinated with the human body and now...I just like gross stuff. The poetry element was a nice surprise, although towards the end it was a bit of a mish-mash (are we learning about the human body or Shakespeare?).

If you're interested in the human body with an extra dose of ickyness then I recommend The Horrible Science collection. I love those collections!

Rebecca says

OH MY! This book is one of the most interesting books I will ever read, though very engaging. I needed one more poetry book so I decided to read this. I found it really fun to try to figure out what body part they were talking about and I think that's what kept me engaged. I was able to read it in one class period which was great! I recommend Random Body Parts to anyone who needs a poetry book or is just looking for a funny and interesting read.

Marjolein says

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It advertises "Gross Anatomical Riddles In Verse". How could I possibly NOT be interested in this booklet?

It's aimed at children, and I think it's still enjoyable even when you're no longer exactly a child. It tries to spark an interest into the human body (which I always applaud) and also into poetry as some of the riddles contain more or less obvious hints at Shakespeare. If you've already got some knowledge about the human body you're probably not going to learn anything new, but if it motivates anyone to go looking for more information it has done a great job.

Thanks to the publisher and Netgalley for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

Roger Clarke says

This was a very original book, as I have never seen an informational book that was told in poetry. I liked how it gives clues as to what body part it is talking about and once it is clear what part is being discussed, it gives more information about how it works and why it is important. I would guess that children of doctor's probably see this book at home, as this is very kid friendly book but also has a very informative side to it. The pictures also help add to the fun flavor that this book brings.

Abby says

This book was pretty funny, and it was a very good quick-read, for poetry. It was a little random to me, but overall it was a good short book.

Mauoijenn ~ *Mouthy Jenn* ~ says

NetGalley book for review

What a cute, cool little book of poems about random body parts. I've worked in the medical field so this book of course caught my eye. I read a few to my son who thought they were silly and giggled along. This was a nice light quick read. I did think the little doodle pictures were a bit child'ish, not really sure this is a book for a kid. Perfect book to find sitting around at a doctors office.

Ogreart says

I received a free ARC of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. I found this book to be a little uneven. The level of the poems and the level of the short explanations of the body parts in the poems seemed to be very different. The poems seemed written more for younger children, and the explanations were written a much higher level. The poems were cute, but I had trouble following the scansion in many of them. The explanations of the poems and the glossary in the back of the book were helpful.

Matthew Winner says

And the best book ever this week for me is called Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse. It's written by Leslie Bulion and illustrated by Mike Lowery. And just to give you a sample of what we're dealing with here, these are riddles about different body parts that the reader then gets to guess. Here's the opening riddle. It says:

RIDDLE ME THIS

Of course you have a body,
But do you have a clue,
Where all the body parts you've got are found
And what they do?

You think you have a handle,
On your anatomy,
But can you handle tricky riddle poems?
Come on--let's see.

Some riddles will seem cinch,
Some challengingly tough.
Your organs lurk between the lines
As you'll find, soon enough.

Search head to toe to locate
Each random body part.
Now keep your eyes peeled...
Knuckle down...
The game's afoot...
Let's start!

With each poem describing whatever different body part, there also is at the end of it an information

paragraph saying this is what the body part is and this is what the body part does. It's a wonderful guessing poem book and I look forward to sharing it in April here, being that it's poetry month and we'll be skypeing with other classes around the country and reading poems like this. This will be a really fun game to play to have people guess. I also love that Leslie has taken on a great number of different rhyme schemes, different poetry styles, to offer something really special to readers. And it's one that I think it's hard to make poetry memorable and enjoyable and also introduce really good, meaty, challenging words, but make it easy to read for the audience. And I think Leslie did a perfect job with this. Mike Lowery's illustrations are really fun and cute to go along with it, too. And they add just a little bit of humor in the story. And that is why I'm calling Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse by Leslie Bulion and illustrated by Mike Lowery the best book ever this week! Way to go!

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