

The Magic School Bus At the Waterworks

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To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Scholastic is re-releasing the ten original Magic School Bus titles in paperback. With updated scientific information, the bestselling science series ever is back!

The classic title that started the award-winning series! Join Ms. Frizzle and her students as they follow the trail of water, from its sky-high source to the school bathroom sink on this wet and wild fieldtrip. After parking the school bus on a cloud and shrinking to raindrop size, Ms. Frizzle's class gets to see the waterworks from the water's point of view.

Don't miss the all-new Magic School Bus: Rides Again book series and the animated show streaming on Netflix now!

Joanna Cole has been creating books about the Magic School Bus for more than twenty years. She is a recipient of many awards, most recently the National Endowment for the Arts Foundation Award for Outstanding Service to Public Education. She lives in Key West, with her husband.

Bruce Degen is the bestselling author and illustrator of the beloved, perennial favorite Jamberry and numerous award-winning books for children. He is also the illustrator of the highly-acclaimed Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole. Grade 2-4A remarkable meshing of text and illustration make this an outstanding, lively treatment of a subject for which there is very little written for this age group. Ms. Frizzle has assigned her class a month-long investigation of how their city gets its water supply, to be followed by a field trip to the water works. With "The Friz" as driver, the children encounter surprise after surprise, as they are magically clad in scuba gear while in a tunnel, then slowly ascend to a cloud, where each child disembarks; falls as a drop of water into a mountain stream; flows into a reservoir; and bounces through the purification system, pipes, and water mains under the city streets. The trip ends with all arriving, drop by drop, in the girls' bathroom in their school as a seventh grader turns on the water faucet. A subsequent classroom mural is drawn of their field trip with the interesting facts of water posted above. Not such a bad trip after all! Liveliness and humor combine to provide valuable information in a simple, explicit text, totally complemented by cheery cartoon-like illustrations. A finishing flourish are the two pages of humorous and lighthearted notes (for SERIOUS students only) at the text's end. This book will rarely sit on the shelf. Mary Lou Budd, Milford South Elementary School, Ohio

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Other Books

Failing at Fairness, Failing at Fairness, the result of two decades of research, shows how gender bias makes it impossible for girls to receive an education equal to that given to boys. Girls' learning problems are not identified as often as boys' are. Boys receive more of their teachers' attention. Girls start school testing higher in every academic subject, yet graduate from high school scoring 50 points lower than boys on the SAT. Hard-hitting and eye-opening, Failing at Fairness should be read by every parent, especially those with daughters.

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