

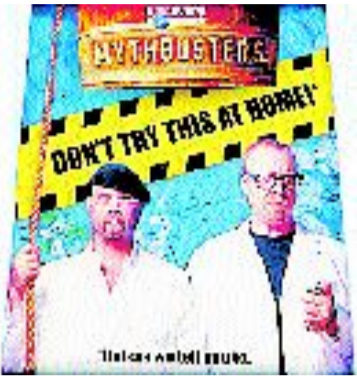


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sneakers



BOOKSHELF



(Unless we tell you to)

The Washington Post

"Mythbusters: Don't Try This at Home!," by Mary Packard; ages 9-12; Jossey-Bass (\$14.95)

With summer vacation fast approaching, parents might be screeching at us for featuring this book, based on Discovery Channel's "Mythbusters" TV series.

But this engaging, educational book will help youngsters think critically about the world around them while they engage in informative scientific experiments.

OK, now that your parents are done reading, here's the scoop: This book is a riot that shows you how to make your own battery and "taste" electricity; helps you figure out if a small child really could be carried away by some helium-filled balloons; and tests your knowledge of all things toilet-related.

Who said gross can't be educational?

EASY TREATS



Mexican munchies

FamilyFun magazine

SOUTH OF THE BORDER S'MORES

Makes 4 s'mores.

2 (8- or 10-inch) tortillas
3 large marshmallows, cut in half
2 tablespoons chocolate chips
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon sugar mixture

First, generously coat a medium skillet with vegetable spray and heat it over medium heat. Place a tortilla in the skillet, then sprinkle the marshmallow halves and the chocolate chips evenly over it. Top with the second tortilla and spray it with the vegetable spray as well.

Cook the tortilla stack for 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly browned, then carefully flip it and cook on the other side for an additional 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove the tortillas to a cutting board, sprinkle cinnamon sugar over the top, then cut the s'more into quarters.

SPARKLING SODA SANGRIA

Makes 4 cups.

1 orange, quartered and thinly sliced, seeds removed
2 limes, thinly sliced, seeds removed
2 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
2 cups ginger ale or lemon-lime soda

Place the fruit slices in a pitcher, then pour in the juice and the soda. serve in tall glasses with ice.



ABOUT YOU Reading

The Washington Post

Here's how kids described how they feel about reading.

29.7
percent

Fun or entertaining

9.5
percent

Important in life

16.5
percent

Boring or not interesting

7.8
percent

Educational

Source: KidzEyes.com survey of 7,000 children between the ages of 6 and 17.

Confronting INJUSTICE

Our class read stories about injustice – toward a young outsider, toward a shy 11-year-old, toward a young Japanese-American person about to be moved to an internment camp during World War II, toward a poor homeless man. This injustice due to race, religion, age or gender moved the children to see those who separate the world into "them" and "us," those who discriminate without knowing people individually. The children have reflected on these conflicts by writing their own poetry and prose denoting "Justice for All" – or as some observed, "Injustice for Some."

– *Kathe Romano, Language Arts teacher, Grade 6, P.S. 27, Paterson*

"Immigration"

They took what made me smile,
They took what made me a child.

For them it's nothing,
For me it's everything.

They are everything to me,
They are nothing to them.

For me deep inside it hurt,
For them deep inside it doesn't.

It is very depressing for me,
For them is all joy and laughter.

– *Karina Gutierrez*

"Injustice for some"

Have you ever stopped and seen someone so alone and afraid?

They may feel so alone like they're in a cage and deserted.

They are going through some kind of injustice like something you can go through.

You might want to help them through it, if not if it happens to you, you want to know what to do.

They might have been turned down and let go into the future, but where are they going to begin?

Think about what you say, smell and touch. It makes a difference to someone, everyone or you.

Be fair and give a chance!

– *Zanayah Williams*

"Injustice"

Injustice, Injustice, why does it have to be? Everywhere we see, there's more for you and me. Why doesn't it disappear? We hear it all the time, and

don't do anything about it. Let's do something and maybe there will be justice for all.

– *Kevin Mata*

"Discriminate"

Discrimination
Insults
Separation
Creates
Racism
Immigration
Means
Injustice
Nations
Actually
Teach
Elimination

– *Alex Garcia*

"Justice for All"

Justice, justice for everyone, come get a fresh can of justice. Everyone should have equal rights. Stop discriminating. People, we want justice for race, justice for ethnic groups, justice for age, justice for religion, justice for all.

Justice, justice everyone, you got your justice. No more discrimination, no more bias attacks, no more, it's all over.

– *Ajee Bell*

"Justice"

Just let everyone live the same, as you would.

Ulterior motives destroy the innocent.

Support each other.

Tell the truth.

Injustice hurts, lives could be saved.

Coming together with others to help. Everyone can live together.

– *Madeline Ayala*

"Justice for all"

Justice
Uniqueness
Slavery
Truth
Injustice
Caring
Equality

– *Dalkeith Watson*

"Justice for all"

I have been discriminated against by people saying I'm too short to do things. People say, You're too short to be in sixth grade. A lot of people say this at school and other places. At school people say it and I don't even know all of them.

Even my best of friends say this. It hurts me a lot in my heart. Just because I'm a different size they have to make fun of me.

The only people I never heard say that about me are my family and teachers.

– *Esmeralda Vega*

"Justice for All"

I have felt discrimination because I am big. When I wanted to go on a ride in the carnival, I couldn't go because I was too big for the ride. That day I wanted to be small. Then when the helper switched with another person, I tried again, but again he said no. This time I got even madder. That day I rode on every ride beside that one ride. The next day I realized it is good to be tall, reach high places, and get on a lot of rides. I started to be happy that I am tall, but sometimes I wish I was small.

– *Emmanuel Padilla*

"Justice for All"

It's not nice,
It's not kind,
Have you lost your mind?
Open your eyes,
And see the frowns on the faces of those who suffered
Discrimination.
Don't discriminate, it's a waste of air,
It's also unfair.
Those who discriminate,
Listen up,
Don't try putting us down because we'll get right back up.

– *Mifta Uddin*

