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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!

When the Magic School Bus turns into a beehive, Ms. Frizzle's class learns firsthand about how workers, drones, and the queen bees live together. Readers will be abuzz with knowledge as they discover how honeybees find food; make a comb, honey, and beeswax; and care for their young, all from the bee's perspective.

The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive Details

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Lili Rucker says

It was ok

Samantha says

It was a beautiful Spring day, and Ms. Frizzle's class was studying insects. On this particular afternoon, they were taking a close look at honey bees. While waiting for the beekeeper to come present some useful information, Ms. Frizzle's elbow accidentally knocks into a "strange little lever". In the blink of an eye the school bus turns into a beehive, and all the children are bees themselves! The children learn how to obtain nectar, pack pollen, and use their antennae to feel and smell. Did you know that bees dance to help them find food faster? This is another wonderful fact the students learn through their bee adventure. They work hard to make honey when all of the sudden a bear comes along to eat it! Before they find themselves in too much danger, Ms. Frizzle restores everything "back to normal".

You can't go wrong with any of Joanna Cole's creative adventure books with Ms. Frizzle. I believe every child wishes they had Ms. Frizzle as their teacher. Wouldn't it be nice if we could educate students with live experiences? I certainly believe this book is the next best option. The story line in itself lends a plethora of information, but the book is further enhanced with "student reports" presented on the side of almost every page. "How Bees Make Comb By: Rachel" or "Why Does a Larva Eat a Lot By: Arnold". My favorite part of the story comes at the conclusion. Without directly stating, Ms. Frizzle's dress provides a clue of where the children will find themselves next...

The only issue a reader might have with this book is the tremendous amount of illustrations and shapes within one page. The conversation bubbles and side reports could be a possible distraction and confusing to a child trying to figure out an order to reading.

Bruce Degen creates bright, comic book style illustrations that are appropriate for the audience intended. His vivid imagination for Ms. Frizzle's attire deserves great respect.

Tanya Brown says

The Magic School Bus Bee Hive by Joanna Cole, the genre for this book is Science Fiction. The audience is gear toward 3rd – 5th graders. Science Fiction is my favorite subject, I rated this book with five stars because The Magic School Bus with teacher Mrs. Frizzle and class gives detail descriptions of, as Mrs. Frizzle said, "a Bee dazzling process," what its actually like to be a Bee and develop and process honey in the Bee hive. The plot, Mrs. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip to experience how Bee's make honey. Mrs. Frizzle and children changed into Bees to experience first hand the life of a Bee and the process of finding nectar to make honey in a Bee Hive. The realize that the process of finding nectar from flowers isn't an easy task for the Bee because flowers had been depleted of their nectar by other Bees when it's late In the season. The illustration was colorful with lots of pictures on each page with dialog boxes and specific drawing of the settings. The main setting took place in the air where they were Bee's flying around looking for flowers to make nectar and then produce honey for the honey cone. Theme: Bees make Bee hives and the book was

very easy to read. Magic school bus Bee Hive would appeal to the young reader because of the detailed illustration and simplistic use of language.

Jen says

I don't even care that I'm older, the Magic School Bus series is AWESOME. These are great for kids and just as cool for adults. I spent the greater part of a dinner with my boyfriend discussing how newborn queen bees kill each other until only one is left thanks to this book.

Seriously.

Benedict Randhawa says

This book is about Honey Bee and Queen of bee . How she is very important role making honey. She is very strong. And the book have some good picture.

Stephanie Koerner says

Grade/interest level: PreK-3rd

Reading level: 520L

Genre: Information text, nonfiction, adventure, humor

Main Characters: Ms. Frizzle

Setting: The classroom, the bus, a beehive

POV: dialogue and narrator

Summary:

The book starts with Ms. Frizzle's class looking at insects in the classroom. Ms. Frizzle decides it is time for the students to see firsthand what it is like to live as a bee. They all climb aboard the Magic School Bus and are turned in to bees. On each page there is a paper written by a student about a bee or a beehive. The students have wings to fly from flower to flower gathering pollen. The class goes in to a manmade beehive filled with bees, honey, and honeycomb. The students learn about the parts of a beehive and have a chance to taste fresh honey. They also learn about the different jobs bees have such as a worker bee, a queen bee, and a larvae. A bear comes and pesters the hive so the class gets back on the shrunken bus that flies them back to school. The class returns to school filled with knowledge of bees.

Class use:

This book can be used in younger grades when teaching about insects in science. These books are filled with fun facts that are mixed in to a silly story about children getting turned into bees so they can experience life as a bee, first hand.

Malia Gaddis says

Summary: The book tells the story of a firsthand experience from the inside of the beehive. Ms. Frizzle wants the kids to understand and play the role of a bee within the beehive.

Evaluation: The book is extremely informational with many detailed pictures and illustrations around the edges of the pictures. This series is harder to read during a read aloud and include every fact, so it would be easier to watch, but the book includes details about the entire life of a bee.

Teaching: This book could be used when teaching about insects or about habitats. The book is filled with many interesting facts throughout a thrill ride to help students better understand the world around them. The students will walk away with enough knowledge to explain the life of a bee and their life in a beehive.

Alex says

I enjoyed this book because I like Magic School Bus books. I did not like this book because I did not like the part when Ms. Frizzle and her class went into the beehive. I do not like bees.

Amanda Lynch says

So my oldest loves this book, but it's pretty grim, featuring a fight to the death between two potential queen bees. I took a star off for the lack of warning label that this book goes all GAME OF THRONES.

Annburnett says

great book

SaraKat says

Great facts about the bee hives. I thought it was a little less informative than most of the other MSB books, and the humor was more sparse. This was my least favorite of the series so far. And this book is too early to include anything about colony collapses and I think any book on bees nowadays needs to have some information about bee conservation.

Megan Bernhard says

The Magic School bus series is an exciting way to learn about topics they may not always be the easiest to learn about. These books bring light to topics and allow the reading to interact with the information. Throughout this story Ms Frizzle's class is transformed into bee size and get an inside look of bee life and

beehives. The text is very good for presenting a lot of information in a way that doesn't lose the readers attention. Each page is filled with speech bubbles about what the students have to say which gives the reader something to relate to because it might be what they were thinking or what they would say in the situation. Also the pages contain diagrams that introduce additional information such as different kinds of insects and information about them, fun facts about the topic, parts of the flower, parts of beehives, and an abundance of other interesting information that relates to beehives. I love how easy this book is to relate to because the information is presented from the characters which are students. The end of the book summarizes things throughout the book that can not happen in real life. Inside a Beehive is a very accurate portrayal of factual information. The pages of the book are very full and the information is presented in many different ways but I think it is clear enough that the information is organized so the reader can learn many facts. I think the design of the book is very appealing and accessible to children. It is very clear that the author is enthusiastic about the topic and this is very important because I think this generates more interest in the reader. Magic School Bus books stick out to be the most because the information is presented in a unique way that can be set aside from a lot of other informational books. I would use this book in the classroom as a resource for student's research. I could also use to book to accompany a lesson about a variety of topics involving insects and pollination.

Jo says

I love, love, love The Magic School Bus, both the television show and the books. They're a fun, educational way to get children interested in and learning about science and the world around them. They definitely teach me a thing or two along the way as well. ;)

In this edition Ms. Fizzle takes the class on a field trip to a beehive so they can observe honeybees. They also discuss other insects and there are great illustrations of bugs and the different varieties of bees. There are 20,000 different kinds of bees for example. Buzz!

I love when the bus shrinks and turns into a little beehive and they all come out dressed as bees. Too cute.

What's great about these books is that each page is full of information and interesting facts about whatever topic they're currently studying. There are great diagrams and the facts often times appear in the corner written on lined paper like a student would write on.

These books have been around since I was a kid and I still get such a kick out of them! They're perfect for school age children and cover such a wide range of topics.

*Disclaimer: I love the *original* Magic School Bus books written by Joanna Cole. There are newer ones by different authors that I haven't read so I'm not sure if they're as good.

Amanda says

People of all ages can enjoy and learn from this series.

Samantha says

This book is a mix between fiction and nonfiction. The students and teacher shrink down and turn into bees (fiction.) They then explore different aspects of bees from pollination to swarming (nonfiction.) The book does end with a disclaimer, that everything that occurred in the book happens much slower in the real world. I'm a little bit sad that the class didn't have a chance to talk to the beekeeper as well. I used to love the television series, but the books aren't my favorite. I don't think they are set up well for read alouds, they are more of a graphic novel, with labels, papers, talking bubbles, and lots of other text to read all over the pages. I think it's a great book to have in the classroom to supplement the information that students are learning.
