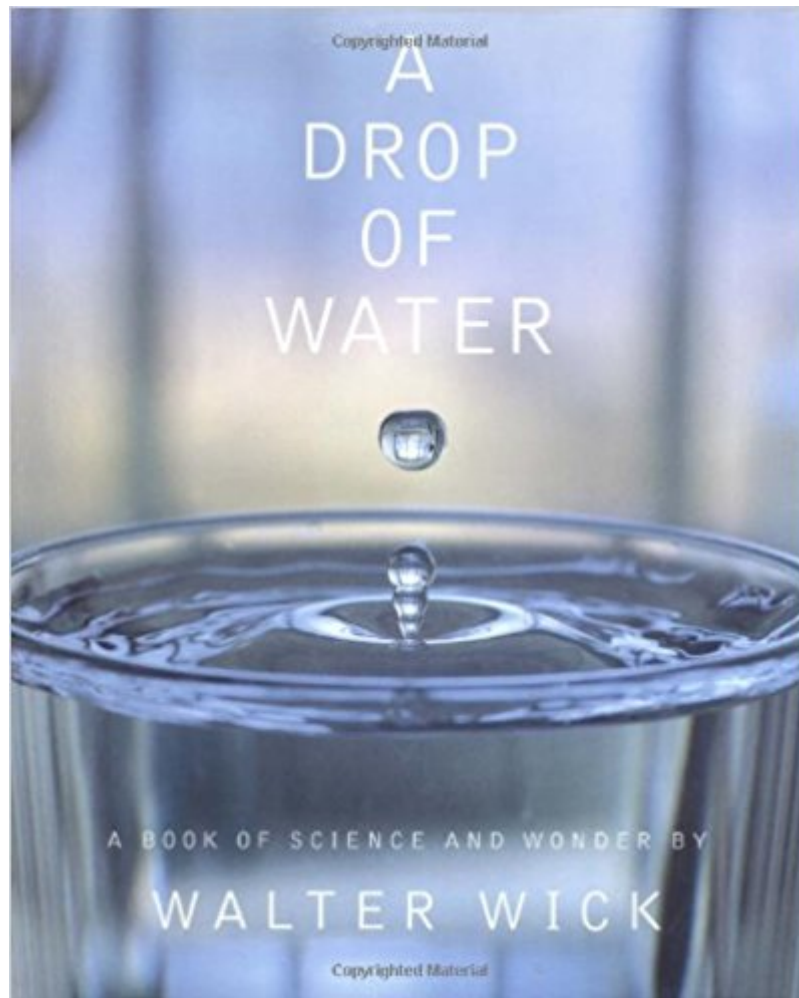




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The curious, protean nature of water has fascinated people for ages, and Walter Wick--the photographer of Scholastic's highly acclaimed I Spy series--is no exception. Wick is a great admirer and collector of 100-year-old science books where, according to his afterword, "Even the simplest experiments appeared as if improbable or impossible things were happening. Intrigued, I recreated some of the experiments and photographed them with my camera. The results seemed magical, but not because of any photographic trick; it was only the forces of nature at work. It was from these explorations that the idea for this book emerged." As you're admiring the "crown" created by a water drop splashing into a pool, or how many water droplets can fit on the head of a pin (the smallest droplet on the pin contains more than three trillion water molecules), you'll learn about evaporation, condensation, snowflakes, how clouds form, and more amazing water tricks. Wick's other artfully composed photographs include a "wild wave" caused by a brown egg dropped in a water glass, soap bubbles with a "shimmering liquid skin," a snowflake at 60 times its actual size, and dew on a spider web. Like many old-fashioned science books, A Drop of Water ends with a list of simple experiments may lure the young reader into the world of scientific investigation. Unlike

many old science books, this one also stands on its own as a beautiful, notable collection of photographs.

Grade 3-6. Wick's striking color photographs of water in various states and stages of movement capture moments of change in beautiful patterns that cannot be observed without the advantages of stop action and magnification. These pictures present water drops; soap bubbles; water condensing and evaporating; snowflakes, frost, and dew; and water as a prism. The paragraphs of text that accompany the images read like extended captions; they describe what is being pictured and briefly comment on the phenomenon taking place. A set of short directions for doing the observations and experiments included appears at the end. The photographs are the outstanding feature here; they do stimulate wonder. Perhaps the book succeeds more as an exploration of their use to enhance scientific observation than as a description of the characteristics of water. Wick clearly shows that science and art both offer ways to observe the world around us. However, the visuals may stimulate a level of curiosity that will not be satisfied by the brief text?something that makes the lack of a list for further reading a drawback.?Carolyn Angus, The Claremont Graduate School, Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

short, simple lessons make it easier for children to learn big concepts over time

Picture books are not just for little kids. Walter Wick uses amazing photography to capture images of water doing its thing: evaporating, condensating, freezing, dropping. In just a few paragraphs, he explains the properties of water that cause it to behave in interesting ways. He includes experiments to try at the back of the book. This is a great one for scientific minds, both tall and small.

Beautiful and captivating photography. We use this as part of our Science Studies and I couldn't keep my kids away from it when it arrived. Small book, even better than I expected, but don't obviously let it sound like so much you let yourself be disappointed (although I think it would be difficult to be so).

Excellent pictures and quality writing. Once we started reading this together my boys (7&9) were hooked. They started reading it on their own because of how well-written and interesting they found the book to be.

This is a WONDERFUL book!! My kids are using this for their school science program. They are having so much fun with the experiments that are included in the back of the book. The detail in the pictures and the simplicity of this whole layout is just wonderful!

I love this book. The photography is beautiful and strongly reinforces the concepts. I have done many of the experiments with students from third grade through middle school, and I am considering using them with younger levels. The notes in the back of the book help budding scientists duplicate the experiments and enhance their understanding. I highly recommend this resource.

My son and I love this book. It has been given a gift because we like it so much. I used it as a science unit with him for 2nd grade, not that he knew that. It gives examples of little experiments that you can recreate and the pictures are wonderful. We originally checked it out as a library book, then bought it because he loved it so much.

I didn't realize how thin this book is, wow. Thank goodness I didn't pay full price.

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