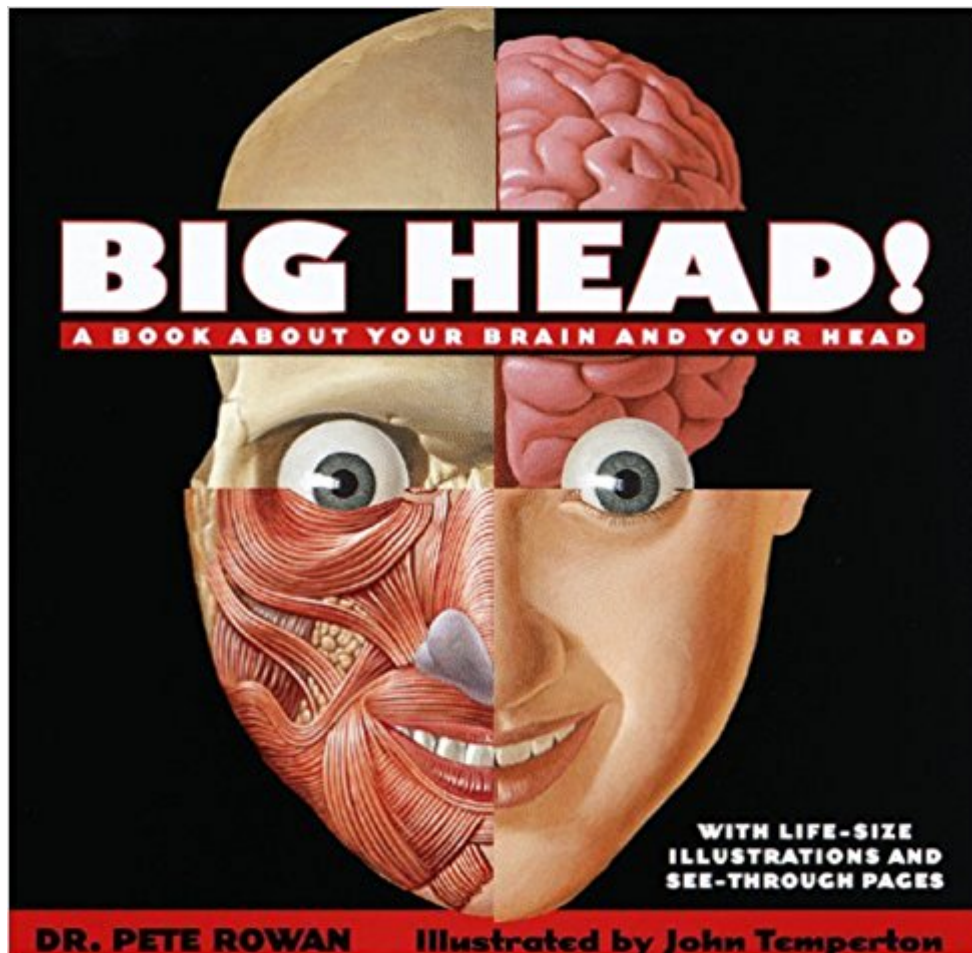




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Big Head: A Book About Your Brain And Your Head



Synopsis

Take a revealing and fascinating tour of your head and brain as you peel back the layers of your skin and skull and discover the complex organ that makes you you! Learn about parts of your brain and what they do for you--find out how you think, learn, feel, and remember. Life-size illustrations and special acetate pages give a detailed closeup look at the brain's structure. Informative sidebars provide fun facts and easy brain experiments, such as how to weigh your own head! This is a wonderfully illustrated, easy-to-understand, and accessible study of the amazing head and brain.Â Â Â Â

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Grade 5-9-Other than the questionable instructions on how to weigh one's head (fill a bucket "to the brim, then stick your head in..."), this is a useful, well-organized overview of the anatomy and physiology of the head and neck. Each two-page spread addresses a topic such as hearing, speaking, emotions, balance, etc. The text is well written and direct, with little wasted space. The many full-color illustrations are clear and understandable, and include life-size images of veins, glands, parts of the brain and spinal cord, muscles, and nerves. Two double-sided acetate overlays show external and internal views of the face and the cerebral cortex. A useful resource for report writing or, thanks to numerous fact-filled text boxes, browsing.Christine A. Moesch, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, NYCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 5^7. Rowan briefly considers the function and structure of the eyes, ears, and neck, but she focuses mainly on the brain, providing humorous and intriguing asides and a few simple

experiments as well as some useful, concisely presented information. The visuals, especially the large, easy-to-see cutaways of the parts of the brain, will be exceptionally useful, and the few judiciously placed overlays are used to good effect. The format, however, leaves something to be desired: the numerous blocks of white space are puzzling, especially given boxed insets with uncomfortably small print. And there's not a strong sense of how the factors discussed relate to one another. Seymour Simon gives a more cogent overview of the brain and nervous system in *The Brain* (1997), but the illustrations here will be of more use to students, and Rowan's coverage is more inclusive. Stephanie Zvirin

Our son loves to sit with this book and read all the interesting ideas in it. He's a very busy kid normally, so it's wonderful that he finds this is interesting enough to sit still and read.

My second graders LOVE this book so much that this is the second copy I have bought. The illustrations are perfect. The text is often over their heads but I read bits to them while they are flipping through.

Very happy

This book has been nominated for the 1999 Science Book Prize and is one of the best I have ever read. Pure genius

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