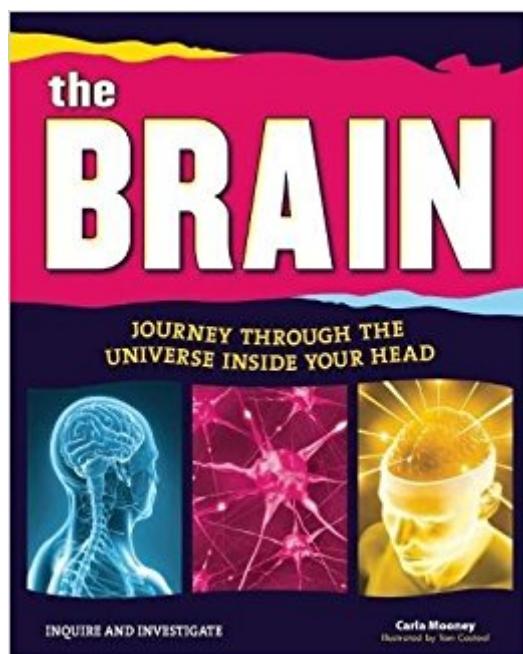


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# The Brain: Journey Through The Universe Inside Your Head (Inquire And Investigate)



## Synopsis

Why do we do and say the things we do and say? *The Brain: Journey Through the Universe Inside Your Head* introduces students to the fascinating world of the human brain and its effect on behavior. Readers learn about the main anatomy and functions of the brain while discovering the brain's role in learning, memory, communication, and emotions. Kids also read about new technologies being used to research the brain in its various states of performance while being introduced to the effects of sleep, alcohol, and exercise on our most complex organ. Combining hands-on activities with neuroscience, anatomy, and psychology, *The Brain* includes projects such as building a 3-D brain model and testing how the brain adapts to a new situation. The Brain integrates a digital learning component by providing links to primary sources, videos, and other relevant websites. Additional materials include a glossary, timeline, and a list of current reference works. *The Brain* is a unique opportunity to connect behavior, physiology, and the outside world in one amazing place—your head! This title meets Common Core State Standards for literacy in science and technology; Guided Reading Levels and Lexile measurements indicate grade level and text complexity.

## Book Information

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Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's Media Rating: Recommended Superior in style, liveliness, integrity and format: A Delve deep into the inner workings of the human brain in this book full of eye-catching text features like QR codes and cartoons. Seven chapters lay out topics on the brain's physiology, development, emotions, memory and learning, language and speech, and brain health. The text explains necessary science vocabulary both in context as well as in its extensive glossary, and it should be accessible to most middle school readers. Each chapter contains two to four "Inquire & Investigate" segments laid out as experiments. For instance, in the Memory and Learning chapter, readers are presented with an experiment called "Create a False Memory" wherein the procedure involves testing the memories of volunteers using two different word lists. One list has a theme (school-related words) and the other only has a couple of terms from the first list. Variables are suggested for decreasing the amount of time that the subjects look at the lists and wait to look at the second list. Engaging content that will drive understanding makes this book useful to students and educators.

Publishers Weekly: an extensive introduction to the brain's capability and function, with just enough humor and interactivity to keep readers engaged.

Science Books and Films +: Recommended This book from the Inquire and Investigate series gives readers the opportunity to explore the human brain with informative text and activities. The seven chapters cover the anatomy and physiology of the brain, brain development, the senses and the brain, emotions and feelings, memory and learning, language and speech, and the healthy brain. The information is well organized, clearly presented, and accurate. The format of the book is inviting. Each chapter has interest-catching sidebars and insets, including: key concepts; brain teasers; QR codes to scan to access primary sources on the Internet; cartoons; and key questions, which can be used by readers to check on their understanding of the material in the chapter. Each chapter includes several hand-on activities related to exploring such topics as right versus left dominance, testing your working memory, and stress and the brain. The book begins with a timeline that serves as an interesting introduction to the history of human understanding of the human brain and how it works. The book ends with a "Much More to Learn" section that addresses the fact that in spite of the great advances in neuroscience in recent years, so much about the human brain and its functions remains unknown. Back matter includes an extensive glossary, resources (books, websites, museums to visit, QR code index), and index.

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