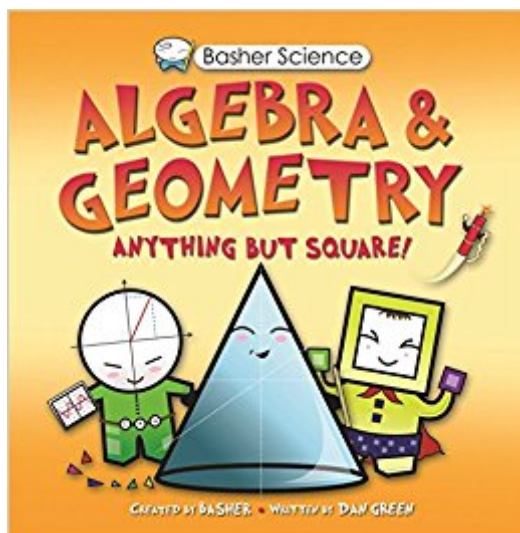


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Basher Science: Algebra And Geometry



Synopsis

Basher Science: Algebra and Geometry created and illustrated by Simon Basher: The best-selling author of Math and Punctuation now turns his attention to the fun and funky characters in Geometry and Algebra. Meet Polygon and Plane, Reflection and Rotation, Odd Number and his buddy Even Number and the three amigos Sine, Cosine and Tangent. Discover the secrets of their world and how they like to throw their numbers about. Bringing his charming manga-style artwork and tongue-and-cheek approach to explaining the basics, Basher brings a whole new spin to the world of higher math.

Book Information

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Series: Basher Science

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

Customer Reviews

My 4th grader loved these books...but so did my 6th grader and a friend who is in high school. Even the college kid from next door thought they were a great idea. These books are genius way of explaining more difficult concepts easily, they help the student to remember them easily because of these cute n silly pictures. Some come with posters, just depends which book, I guess. Some of the books in this series are longer, (much longer), than others. This one is twice as thick as the others and came with a poster.

I love this series because it allows children to tell you about the characters (form, function) of math in story form, long before they encounter the "problems" in school. I highly recommend these as an introduction if you're worried your own biases/fears about math may rub off on your child's early experiences.

My daughter loves the Basher books for their quirky pictures and the easy explanation of new concepts and terms. It introduced her terms in math way before she actually saw it in school and provided some basic understanding of the material. It turns concepts into characters with personality, and makes learning fun. I'd highly recommend it, not just to learn about math concepts but for its entertainment value for reader.

This is basically just a short dictionary of math terms with some silly cartoons. There aren't any problems to work through. I thought it was useless for my 8 year old, and returned it. I bought a "real" introduction to more advanced math concepts from criticalthinking.com instead.

This review applies to MOST of the Basher books as they all seem to share the same mix of excellence and failure. First, these books are GREAT in that they present some of the terminology/jargon of the subject matter in a way that seems to interest small children! (in my experience, ages 4-7 seems about right) This is actually a BIG DEAL, as the books reliably deal in wonderfully important subjects. For this, I highly recommend them and thank the authors and publishers for their effort! However... there are two ways in which I find these books to be terribly disappointing: 1) The attempts to make each entry clever and fun raise the effective reading level high above the target audience. Clever puns and delightfully descriptive diatribes do not go over so well with young children just beginning to read. My six year old is completely ready for the subject matter, but struggles to the point of giving up (!!) trying to manage the prose. 2) IMHO, the attempts at fun language and clever characterizations often work to obscure the simplicity of the subject matter at hand. As a scientist who understands many of the concepts under discussion, I often find myself marveling at how these descriptions express an opaque and incomprehensible version of what are fundamentally simple ideas. *sigh* Basher Guys... I LOVE what you are trying to do. IMHO, if you can find a way to simplify the prose, and not let "characterizations" get in the way of "simple explanations", then you will be changing the WORLD!! So despite my reservations... BUY THESE BOOKS!... I think that as long as they use it to try to do better, these guys have TOTALLY earned our income!!

This is truly for younger kids only. I was expecting a little more information than what is in the book. If you are looking for an entertaining way to explain vocabulary words, this one is for you, but if you need more information, this is not for you.

We bought the one for the Periodic Table and were hooked! These books are so well organized and do an excellent job presenting some high level thinking concepts for a younger audience. Each book also comes with a poster! Fun!

As a teacher, a mother and a grandmother, I am always looking for ways to make things that terrify children a little less overwhelming. This series breaks the scary topics down and makes them a little less so.... Like the whole series! It is a little simplistic, but gets the point across!

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