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Fire Bubbles And Exploding Toothpaste: More Unforgettable Experiments That Make Science Fun (Steve Spangler Science)



Synopsis

More outrageously thrilling science experiments from the guy who taught you how to turn a bottle of soda into an exploding geyser! If you thought Steve Spangler's book Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes pushed the limits of your inner mad scientist, this second volume of extraordinary home experiments is guaranteed to knock your socks off! Seriously, your socks are going to fly across the room. The materials are easy to find and the directions are simple to follow, but the end result is guaranteed to produce lots of oohs and aahs. Steve Spangler takes his geek-chic approach to exposing some of the coolest science tricks that will surprise teachers and amaze your friends. Over 200 color photographs accompany the step-by-step instructions, and simple explanations uncover the how-to and why for each activity. You'll have a blast with these experiments: Floating Bowling Balls Pop Bottle Music Bouncing Smoke Bubbles Walking on Eggshells Balancing Nails Fireproof Balloon Skateboard Rocket Car Warning! Do not read the special, super-secret, teachers-only section that reveals a few of Steve Spangler's secrets for making science come alive in the classroom. If you're not a teacher and you don't want to miss out on twisting up a Fire Tornado or making a mountain of Exploding Toothpaste, just give this book to the coolest science teacher you know and ask him or her to help you create an unforgettable learning experience.

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Customer Reviews

I gave the Spangler books 5 stars, because individually they deserve it. However, just buy his latest book, because the experiments are mostly repeats of his last book with a couple of new ones thrown in. I bought all three at the same time and I was very disappointed, because they were practically reprints of one another.

I received this book as a gift to involve my children more in science. I was excited about conducting some fun 'wow' experiments and to the books credit there are some interesting experiments that can be conducted. I'm giving the book a single star because the title is misleading. To conclude summer vacation I decided I'd conduct the "fire bubble" or "exploding toothpaste" experiment which my kids had been asking to see. When I turned to that portion of the book I was disappointed to read these experiments are for 'teachers-only', certified, hands-on professionals, with access to materials an average person would not have on hand or easy access to. I would not be able to perform these experiments. Why would the title of a book being sold to the general public suggest that there are experiments to be performed involving 'fire bubbles' and 'exploding toothpaste' when the reality is that they are only to be performed in a science lab by a certified professional? If you are buying the book thinking you will be able to perform those two experiments for someone, think again, unless you're an active science teacher.

My son, age 10, and I are both big Steve Spangler fans. Last year I had purchased him the Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes book. There were many experiments in that book that we were both able to do and he has really enjoyed that book immensely. This book we both also enjoy but the experiments are much more complicated and of a more professional level. I haven't read through this book as much as my son has yet but he kept commenting to me that in order to do this experiment or that experiment we would have to go on stevespangler.com to get an ingredient. I can tell he likes the book but the idea that we will have to purchase special ingredients is a bit of a turn off to us both. So if you haven't purchased Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes I highly recommend you go with that book first to start with. If you are a die hard science experiment lover then by all means go for this book. It won't disappoint!

The very best thing about this book (and it's companion first volume, I might add) besides the copious amounts of AMAZING pictures, is the real-world application section that is included in many of the demonstrations! It ties in beautifully with the "Beyond the Fizz" ending about making sure there's more than gee whiz in your science demonstration. I couldn't ask for a more engaging format.

My students will be lining up to borrow this book as soon as it hits my classroom tomorrow. They won't be able to resist the beautiful pictures and the simple directions that will allow them to recreate some of these exciting moments at home. The best part is when I hear, "I'm going to show this to my little brother/sister!" I know when they say that, what they really mean is they intend to show off what they've learned by teaching it to someone else. These moments reach the dinner table.

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Don't expect to do Fire Bubbles or Exploding Toothpaste as these are in the Teachers Only Section. Yes, I can do a smaller version of the toothpaste, but there's NO WAY I can do the Fire Bubbles - the main reason I bought this book (directly on his site, not - should have done my research!). I totally understand their rationale behind this section - JUST DON'T TITLE THE BOOK OF THE EXPERIMENTS YOU CANT DO AT HOME! Bad marketing (or maybe genius, depending on your POV). I felt ripped off. The other experiments look OK, but it's hard to get excited when I can't do the one thing I spent \$14.95 for !

If this is your first science demonstration book, at least it has good pics. But if you have been teaching for a while, you won't find anything special here. Find it in the library, or read it in the book store and save your money.

If I thought Steve Spangler hit a home run with "Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes," then I must say this work is a Grand Slam! It is a marvelous companion volume to his other book, but it is also a wonderful edition on its own. The text is easy to understand, and children can follow the directions with minimal supervision. It gives them a great sense of accomplishment to be able to say they did it themselves. The pictures are vivid and entertaining, and the actual experiments are lots of fun in addition to being invaluable teaching moments. I have this paperbound tome, and I am eagerly anticipating the iTunes version as well. I would highly recommend this book to teachers, parents, those interested in easy science demonstrations, and the fine folks who are still children at heart - it's fun for everyone!

My daughter saw a few of Steve Spangler's experiments on the internet and thought it would be great fun to duplicate them at home. I bought this book and another, and we were very frustrated at how difficult it was to find the materials for these experiments. I was under the impression that these experiments would be done with everyday household items. I wouldn't have minded buying a few

things here or there to make an awesome experiment, but everything seemed either too expensive or hard to get for a simple "wow" factor.

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