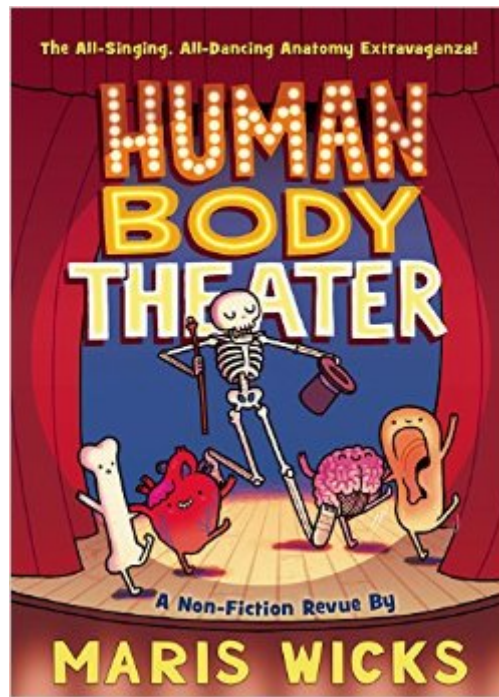


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# Human Body Theater



## Synopsis

Welcome to the Human Body Theater, where your master of ceremonies is going to lead you through a theatrical revue of each and every biological system of the human body! Starting out as a skeleton, the MC puts on a new layer of her costume (her body) with each "act." By turns goofy and intensely informative, the Human Body Theater is always accessible and always entertaining. Maris Wicks is a biology nerd, and by the time you've read this book, you will be too! Harnessing her passion for science (and her background as a science educator for elementary and middle-school students), she has created a comics-format introduction to the human body that will make an expert of any reader -- young or old!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I gotta come clean with you. Skeletons? I've got a thing for them. Not a "thing" as in I find them attractive, but rather a "thing" as in I find them fascinating. I always have. Back in the 80s there was a science-related Canadian television show called "Owl TV" (a Canuck alternative to "3-2-1 Contact") and one of the regular features was a skeleton by the name of Bonaparte who taught kids about various scientific matters. But aside from the odd viewing of "Jason and the Argonauts", walking, talking (or, at the very least, stalking) skeletons don't crop up all that often

when you become grown. So maybe my attachment to *Human Body Theater* with its knobby narrator has its roots deep in my own personal history. Or maybe it has something more to do with the witty writing, untold gobs of nonfiction information, eye-catching art, and general sense of intelligence and care. Whatever the case, it turns out the human body puts on one heckuva good show! When a human skeleton comes out and offers to right there, before your very eyes, become a fully formed human being with guts, skin, etc. who are you to refuse? Tonight the human body itself is putting on a show and everyone from the stagehands (the cells) to the players (whether they're body parts or viruses) is fully engaged and involved. With our narrator's help we dive deep beneath the skin and learn top to bottom about every possible system our bods have to offer. When all is said and done the readers aren't just intrigued. They're picking the book up to read it again and again. Backmatter includes a Glossary of terms and a Bibliography for further reading. I've been a big time Maris Wicks fan for years.

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