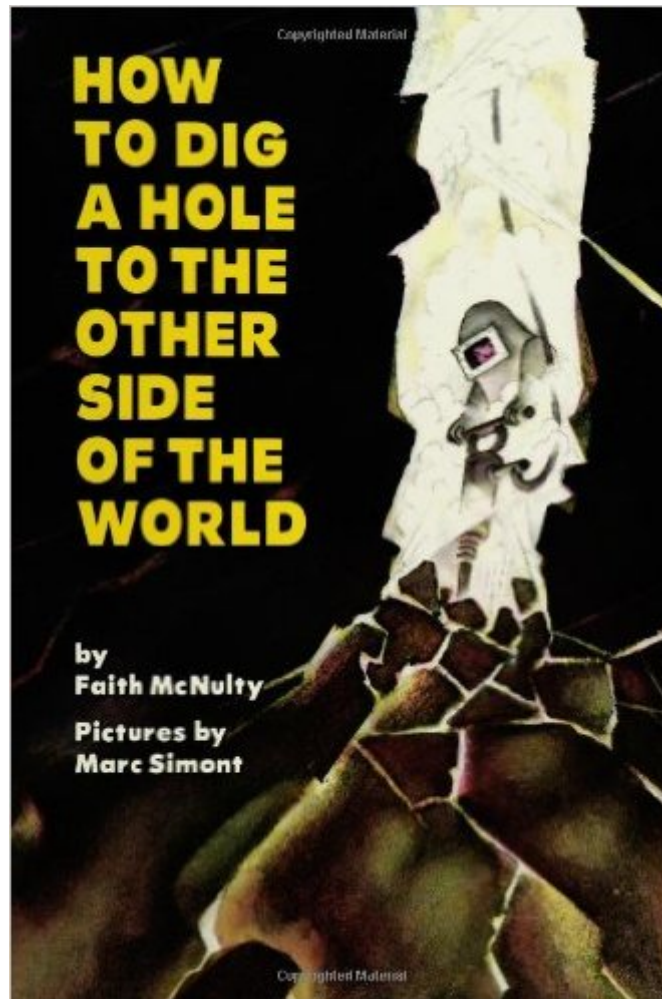


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How To Dig A Hole To The Other Side Of The World



Synopsis

^ [An] irresistible account of a child's imaginary 8,000-mile journey through the earth to discover what's inside. Facts about the composition of the earth are conveyed painlessly and memorably. ^ SLJ. ^ An exciting adventure. . . . Illustrations [by Caldecott Medal winner Marc Simont] explode with color and action. ^ CS. Best Books of 1979 (SLJ) Children's Choices for 1980 (IRA/CBC) A Reading Rainbow Selection

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Customer Reviews

I had an eight-year old girl that I tutor in reading comprehension read this book, and she loved it. This book is an interesting guide on how a child would go about digging a hole to the other side of the world. I remember as a child trying to dig a hole to the other side of the world. It made me wish that I had read this book as a child. It would have sent my imagination reeling. This book is highly educational, as well. The child learns about geysers and other things she would encounter while taking on such an endeavor. I was worried that the girl who read this would have a difficult time remembering the elements of the story because it had so many scientific facts in it, but she didn't have a problem at all. It's a very good book indeed.

Great book on an interesting topic. Children will learn about the earth's layers: topsoil, granite,

basalt, steam, magma and mantle. Very readable; recommended for grades 1-5. Children can relate to this book--what child has not imagined "digging their way to China" at some point? Nicely illustrated.

The day this book arrived, my daughter read it on her own cover to cover. It opened up a great dialogue regarding the composition of the Earth. I sometimes have trouble getting her to read regular science books, but this one made it fun to learn about geology and geography.

This was my favorite book when I was 7,8, and 9 years old, back in the early 1990s. I read it countless times, so much so that my mother had to reinforce the binding with postage tape. It fueled endless daydreams. The author/illustrator team do an excellent job lending a tantalizing plausibility to the idea of digging through the planet. One of my favorite drawings was a blueprint of the character's subterranean digging machine, which I really intended to build some day. The details in the illustrations are very rich: the lighting effects give a real sense of heat, the rocks have tangible textures, and one drawing in particular -- showing a dug shaft surrounded by gems and dinosaur bones -- made me look at my own backyard as a teeming, subterranean treasure chest. As a very appreciative former member of the target audience, I give this book my highest recommendation!

I came to this by looking for more McNulty titles after enjoying the more recent 'If you decide to go to the moon' which I also reviewed. This copy is second-hand and I have no way of playing the accompanying audio tape! The story is not dated - I'm sure 'Journey to the centre of the Earth' will not date. This is intended for, I think, 5 -8ish year olds, but my 3-year old loves it, despite having no concept of time, distance, temperature, pressure, the sheer impossibility of digging a hole that deep (and narrow!), or many of the other concepts (quick visits to Google Video or similar help to explain 'geyser', 'lava', 'volcano' etc). A children's book adults will enjoy re-reading.

I purchased this book because it was a required reading for my son's second grade summer reading list. He was able to read the book with little difficulty. I helped him with a few words. All of my children, ages 1 to 7 enjoyed the book. It was in good condition. There were no rips or tears or missing pages. The story is very enjoyable and is different from the Balto movie. I recommend this to other parents looking for a book for their child.

My 4 and 6 yr old LOVE this book! It's full of adventure and facts about the layers of the earth. I

highly recommend it (my kids do too)!!!

As a child my son enjoyed this book for years! We would read it and he would immediately go outside and start digging. We reserved a corner of the yard just for his digging where he and various neighbor friends would dig for oil, water, dinosaur bones (planting chicken bones into the dirt). At one point the hole was nearly 3 feet deep and was made into a prehistoric "mud hole" or filled with rocks as their imaginations led them deeper and deeper into the earth. That all educational books should so ignite an excitement for learning and discovery. I'm waiting anxiously for this book to arrive and can hardly wait to see the creative excitement in my 5 year old grandson and his sister. I wish I could find another favorite book about a pine tree seed that fell into a small crack of a barren rock and how the tree took root, spread the crack, which caught more dirt and water, spread the crack further, etc. That was another well-worn library book that absolutely fascinated the kids and ME!

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