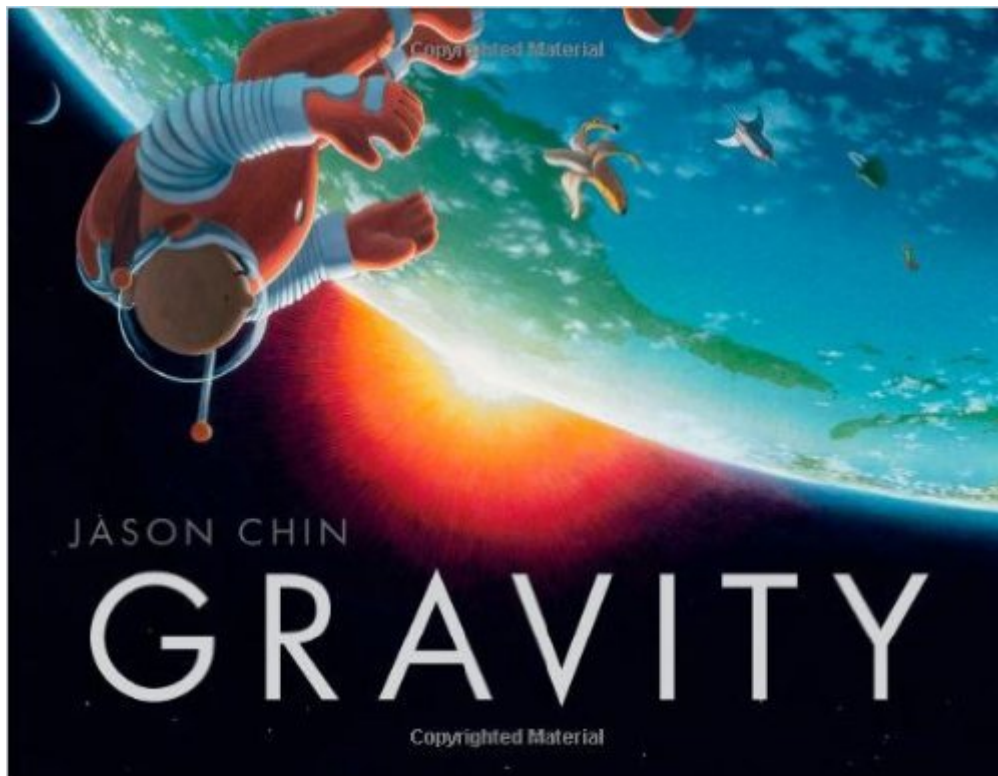


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# Gravity



## Synopsis

What keeps objects from floating out of your hand? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? Gravity. As in his previous books, *Redwoods*, *Coral Reefs*, and *Island*, Jason Chin has taken a complex subject and made it brilliantly accessible to young readers in this unusual, innovative, and very beautiful book. Chin's approach makes this book a must-have common core tool for teachers and librarians introducing scientific principals to young students. A Neal Porter Book

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

I am a K-12 science teacher, which means I think a lot about the role of reading and literacy in science and vice versa. This book introduces children to the concept of gravity as 1) the reason that objects fall to earth and don't float away, and 2) the reason the earth stays near the sun and the moon stays near the earth. It is VERY simplistic and just perfect for early learners (grades pre-K through 2nd). Most science books try to pack too much science and explanation into the story, making it difficult to use them as an introduction to the concepts they are trying to share. This book stays focused on just the two ideas mentioned above, making it ideal for early learners. There is a two page spread at the end of the book with more information about gravity that is not part of the "story". It provides a little more detail about the following ideas: gravity is an invisible force that

causes objects to attract to one another; the more massive two objects are, the greater the force of gravity is between them; gravity gets weaker as the distance between two objects increases; the relationship between gravity, weight and mass; and gravity's role in the planetary orbits. This back material is too advanced for early-learners, but provides nice background knowledge for teachers and parents, and good extension ideas for older students. The reason I put "story" in quotes, is that the text in this book does not tell a story. There is no plot; or a beginning, climax and end like early readers are usually introduced to in fictional texts.

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