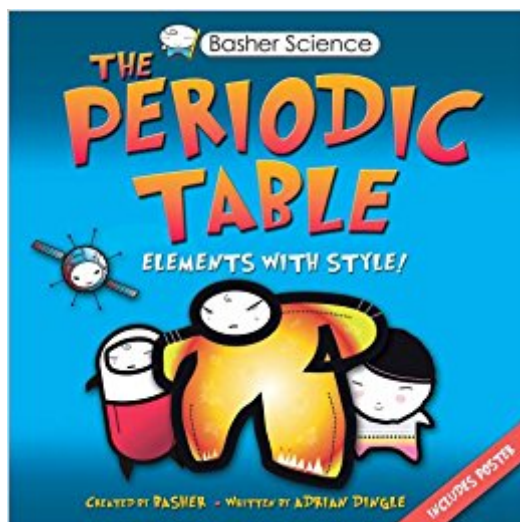


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Basher Science: The Periodic Table: Elements With Style!



Synopsis

Basher Science: The Periodic Table, Elements with Style! created and illustrated by Simon Basher, Written by Adrian Dingle: The Periodic Table introduces budding chemists to the world of the elements as it's never been seen before. Designed to resemble popular networking Web sites, the pages of this book feature "homepages" for each of the chemical elements -- complete with witty and informative profiles written by the elements themselves, plus a personally chosen picture.

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Customer Reviews

The scope and qualities of this unique book are summed up better in its subtitle "Elements with Style!" than in its title. While Dingle does little to explain the periodic table, he shows all the elements of the periodic table on a chart with very original graphics and spotlights 64 of the elements for closer examination on single pages or double-page spreads. Placed against a list including an element's symbol, atomic number, atomic weight, color, standard state, and classification, the element introduces itself in one, two, or three cheeky but informative paragraphs that focus on its qualities and uses. Each presentation ends with the element's date of discovery or earliest known use, its density, its melting point, its boiling point, and a digitally assisted color illustration with a distinctively Japanese, cartoonlike quality. The endpapers feature a glossary and an illustrated foldout poster of the periodic table. The quirky, idiosyncratic artwork and the unusual voice make this little book an appealing choice for introducing elements of the periodic table. Phelan, Carolyn --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

High school chemistry teacher Adrian Dingle is the creator of the award-winning chemistry Web site: adriandingleschemistrypages.com. His site has been recommended by the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse, the BBC, the National Science Teachers Association, and Cornell Theory Center --among many others. Born in England, he has taught in both the United States and United Kingdom and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where he teaches at The Westminster Schools. He holds a B.S. and a postgraduate certificate in education from the University of Exeter. Artist and designer Simon Basher has fun playing in the world of contemporary character design. Inspired by a love of simple line work and a rich color palette, his characters fill the gap between edgy manga and the cuteness of Hello Kitty. He lives in England.

My daughter and son-in-law are both college grads. They are teaching my grandchildren to read and learn every thing under the sun that they can get there hands on. I've purchased 8-9 of these books and my grandson and my daughter read them all the time. My daughter was a Physics Major in college and she likes all of the books I've gotten from Pasher. Thanks

Best book for kids curious about science but not yet into the thick reading. Each character/element is described in a clever and informative way. As a parent I learned A LOT. I do think these books are aimed at older kids in the 9-10 years old range or older. A couple of the descriptions were not meant for young ears (ex. "this element is used as part of a lethal cocktail for death row" - I just skipped over that part). We love all of these Simon Basher math and science books.

After receiving the Physics book in this series, we've started collecting them all. My son (5th grader) is a science nerd (his words) and can't get enough of these easy-to-understand, information PACKED books. Grab them all!

I purchased copies for my younger students to introduce them to the periodic table. Student ages were between 9-12 years old. Each student read the material well and understood the rudimentary differences between the elements. So, the goal was attained. The insert was a good starter for them and they loved posting it on their walls.

This is the coolest book out there for the visual learner. After this book, I have been purchasing all of the Basher science books. This book comes with a periodic table poster which I removed and

laminated. It has been worth the cost of the book alone. My 8 year olds LOVE quizzing each other on the elements. It has really made chemistry exciting in our house. The book is a well-organized reference and I would highly recommend it to any age... even adults learning the periodic table, maybe especially adults!

My six year old is very fascinated with the elements (partly from the They Might be Giants song) and partly because he is a young science freak. This book is simple enough for him to understand and interesting enough for me to be happy reading it despite the fact it brings me back to having to retake chemistry in summer school. The visuals are very bold but seem to help him retain and remember the chemical symbols. The symbols are on the right hand corner of the page. Easy to cover and quiz. This might be a slightly more entertaining way to help memorize and learn the elements for someone struggling to keep attention on studying them because if I find it even tolerable to read it has some entertainment value. Note that not all elements are really represented equally--some of the newer elements and less used elements are grouped together and given a page when iron is given a full page spread.

Colorful and interesting. Bought it as a supplement for middle school chemistry class. It is more detailed than I need, would probably work for a high school course too.

This series is absolutely amazing. I'm so glad to see a series of thoughtful, well laid out and fun to read books that are setting the stage for children to learn successfully. Whoever is behind the Basher series should be behind the education system as a whole...Let's face it they now how to present learning in a way that is successful. My 7 year old son cannot get enough of these books and he's excited about reading them...daily! Thank you Basher!!!

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