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Bigger, Better, Best! (MathStart 2)



Synopsis

Bigger, Better, Best! (LEVEL 2: Area) In their family's new house, Jenny and Jeff are driving their little sister, Jill, crazy. Who has the bigger window? Who has the bigger bedroom? Jenny and Jeff must use a simple geometry concept to calculate area in order to prove once and for all whose room is bigger. Ages 6+

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 and up

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-Jeff and Jenny are always fighting about who has something bigger or better, while Jill just ignores them. When the family moves to a bigger house with a separate room for each child, the two start arguing about whose room and windows are bigger. Mom then has them measure the windows with sheets of paper and the floor with newspaper. Ignoring her older siblings, Jill declares her room is best since it is farthest from the other two and near the cat's nook. This realistic story involves sibling rivalry with a resourceful solution to a common problem. It carefully incorporates math without being overwhelming. The colorful and humorous illustrations add to the story, which comes to a satisfying ending with a slight twist. Follow-up activities and a reading list are included. Nancy A. Gifford, Schenectady County Public Library, NY Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Stuart J. Murphy is a visual learning specialist. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, he has a strong background in design and art direction. He also has extensive experience in the world of educational publishing. Drawing on all these talents, Stuart J. Murphy brings a unique perspective to the MathStart series. In MathStart books, pictures do more than tell stories; they teach math. Stuart J. Murphy and his wife, Nancy, live in Boston. Marsha Winborn, illustrator of A Valentine for Norman Noggs, has also illustrated Grandma's Cat and the Digby and Kate series. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Marsha Winborn es ilustradora de varios libros para lectores jóvenes, incluyendo A Valentine for Norman Noggs, por Valiska Gregory, Pepper's Journal y Probably Pistachio por Stuart J. Murphy, y Egnapped!, por Marisa Montes.

Very good book to supplement AREA lessons. 2nd grade math

My kids really enjoy this book. The only thing that concerns me are the character traits that the children show; although it's a cute story most of it has to do with a brother and sister fighting over every little silly thing. While it's easy to relate to and is humorous, I wouldn't want my children speaking to each other that way.

Teacher use.

Excellent book for helping students connect the array model of multiplication to real-world math.

Great for teachers!

Area is a concept that is often taught in a very abstract way. This book does a great job of showing how area is used in the real world. The illustrations are clear and helpful. The text is easy to read and understand. This is a great book for teachers and students alike.

OK -- this book got the job done as a math reader. The concept of area was VERY CLEARLY described, shown, and taught. If your child has a glimmer of understanding in multiplication, then they will "get" the concepts in this book. The text AND the illustrations work together and get the job done. Great teaching tool. I'm giving only four stars instead of five because of the flat-out obnoxious sibling rivalry on parade in this story. Usually I think Stuart J. Murphy's books do a great, GREAT job modeling nice behavior for children, but this book didn't measure up (a pun!)

It was in great shape, and it was very helpful for teaching the concept of area!

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