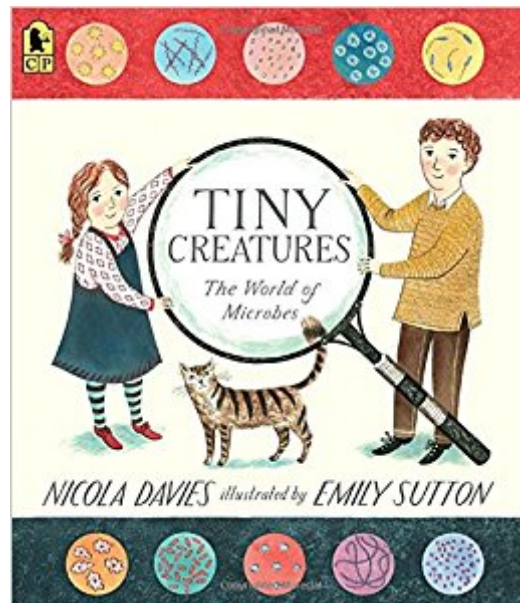




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# Tiny Creatures: The World Of Microbes (Read And Wonder)



## Synopsis

"Sutton's large-scale illustrations help children to visualize microorganisms and processes that are too small to see. . . . A handsome and rewarding picture book." — Booklist (starred review) All around the world "in the sea, in the soil, in the air, and in your body" there are living things so tiny that millions could fit on an ant's antenna. They're busy doing all sorts of things, from giving you a cold and making yogurt to eroding mountains and helping to make the air we breathe.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** Who wouldn't be fascinated by organisms that can eat anything: plants, animals (alive or dead), even oil and rocks? English biologist Davies introduces the strange realm of microbes: their minute sizes, their vast numbers, their diverse forms, and their varied roles in shaping our world. Simply written and concise, the text opens with comparisons that describe just how small these microorganisms are, noting that the picture of an ant would need to be as big as a whale in order for the millions of microbes on its antenna to be visible. While the analogy comparing the number of microbes in a teaspoon of soil to the population of India may be challenging for some young children to grasp, the colorful painting illustrating the idea could serve as a jumping-off point for further discussion. The information that some microbes cause illness is placed within the context

of the many amazing things they accomplish. Reminiscent of Alice and Martin Provensen's artwork in its combination of formal structure and amiable tone, Sutton's large-scale illustrations help children to visualize microorganisms and processes that are too small to see. The sequence of simple images illustrating multiplying microbes is quite effective. A handsome and rewarding picture book about the power of tiny creatures. Grades K-3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

By the end of the book, Davies and Sutton have beautifully made the case that microbes are "the invisible transformers of our world â " the tiniest lives doing some of the biggest jobs." Both Davies's tone and the charming retro-ish watercolor illustrations by Sutton seem likely to please young children by balancing repetition and flights of fancy.â "The New York TimesSutton's large-scale illustrations help children to visualize microorganisms and processes that are too small to see. . . . A handsome and rewarding picture book about the power of "tiny creatures."â "Booklist (starred review)Very little information is available for this age group about these microscopic creatures, making this an especially welcome introduction.â "Kirkus Reviews (starred review)This really is an enjoyable beginner's look at these miniscule organisms and the effect they can have on everything from our bodies to the soil to the clouds in the sky.â "School Library Journal (starred review)

Microbes as organisms too small to be seen by the human eye are a topic that would be hard for children to understand since it's a rather abstract concept. Nicola Davies has done an excellent job in explaining the concept of these small creatures that outnumber people by many millions to one. The amazing world of microbes comes to life in Davies' words and Sutton's illustrations. There is just enough detail to be interesting without becoming overly complicated for the intended audience. The illustrations show the differences in sizes between different microbes and how different they look as well as how quickly they can multiply. It's a subject that can be rather overwhelming yet made palatable by the excellent work of Davies and Sutton.

This was a gift for my 4.5 year old niece because my wife is a microbiologist. She really loves the book and now keeps talking about microbes and drawing her own. The illustrations in this book are beautiful and the level of science is perfect - a nice simplification on accurate science. I highly recommend it for the young scientist in your life.

Fascinating introduction to the world of microbes.

This is a very unusual and TERRIFIC book. My three-year-old granddaughter loves it and is now happily drawing pictures of microbes. She will continue to enjoy it for several years because it's packed with information presented in a clear and interesting manner. I am planning to contact the author and illustrator to thank them. I'll end this recommendation in the way I urge my friends to buy it: "It's just genius!"

The illustrations for this book are beyond gorgeous. Probably my favorite of all the books we have. The subject matter is fun and introduced in a way that's easy for kids to understand. It definitely deserves a place on your shelf.

This is a great book for children of any age. The illustrations are beautiful. The explanations are simple and clear. And the topic is so fascinating to children & adults!

Our son (5) is interested in microbiology and this book is a great intro to the subject. Granted it doesn't explain how a virus works or how Bayreuth in our guys break down food. We've been relying on Ted talks to teach him those things but this is a great intro book for youngsters

One of Nicola Davies greats!

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