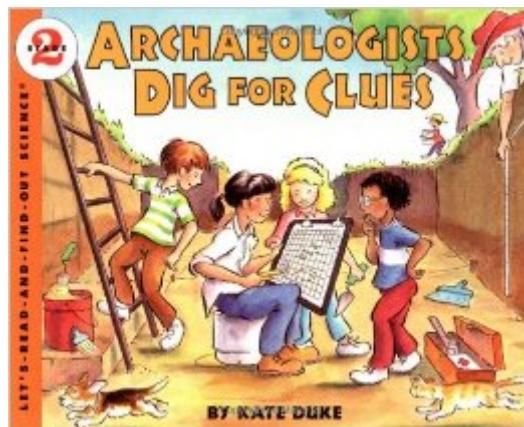


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# Archaeologists Dig For Clues (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)



## **Synopsis**

Archaeologists on a dig work very much like detectives at a crime scene. Every chipped rock, charred seed, or fossilized bone could be a clue to how people lived in the past. In this information-packed Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science book, Kate Duke explains what scientists are looking for, how they find it, and what their finds reveal.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

As a soon to be teacher, and part time archaeologist, this is by far the best book about archaeology for young kids I have found. It gives accurate information in fun, easy to understand language. My students were always interested in my summer and weekend work outside of the school. It was wonderful to find a book I could share with them that was not over their heads. My archaeology professor from college even borrowed it to share with his entry level classes.

This is the best book I've seen for children about archaeology! I am a professional archaeologist and this book covers ALL the misconceptions about what archaeologists really do while still making it sound like we have fun. I bought numerous copies of this book to give to nieces and nephews,

neighbors, etc. I wish most of the adults I talk to about archaeology had read this book...I'd get a lot fewer question about my favorite dinosaur or about the most expensive artifact I have ever found!

This book is part of the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science series, which has more than 80 titles. The Stage 1 books explain simple and easily observable science concepts for preschool- and kindergarten-age children. Stage 2 books, which includes this title, explore more challenging concepts for children in the primary grades and include hands-on activities that children can do themselves. "Archaeologists Dig For Clues" is well-conceived and informative, with bright cartoon drawings. It is formatted a little like the "Magic School Bus" books, more for upper elementary kids.

I wanted to buy this book for the kids in my life to explain my job to them. But then I looked at the preview pages. In each spread, a young blonde girl complains about getting her new sneakers dirty and wonders if people in the past would find her "attractive." Great message to send to kids: blonde girls are scared of dirt and just care about being pretty. Two thumbs down. Signed, a blonde girl who makes her living getting dirty.

This series for kids is amazing. My 5 year old knows so much about gravity, Earth space science and now archaeology from this set of books. These books do not shy away from teaching kids about real life information that many books for kids shy away from.

GREAT introduction to the subject!! Read it to both age groups in our enrichment program (7-9 and 10-12) and it went over well -- with both groups! I would suggest the younger kids own this text, it is very comprehensive. And if you're looking to build, "Archaeology For Kids" is a good next step.

I read this to my children as part of our homeschool curriculum. My students are kindergarteners and a 3rd grader. All three of them greatly enjoyed it. It is written in a style very similar to the Magic School Bus series. Like those books, there is a main body of text that can be read independently of all the little "extras" (dialog bubbles between the characters, side bars, charts, etc), or you can take the time to read all of the information presented. Either way works well in this book. The illustrations are bright and colorful, and the information is presented in a meaningful, yet easy to understand, manner. After reading this book, there is a sudden interest in archaeology in my house! This is a great, simple introduction. It is certainly not comprehensive, but it serves its purpose as an introductory text well.

From what I have seen, the "Lets Read and Find Out" series is very solid, but even within the series, this book stands out. Archeology is explained from the perspective of a story - kids are invited to help out real archeologists on a dig. And because it's real archeology, they have to learn about things like how and why to dig in plots, how and when to make plaster casts, etc. The detail was great enough that I - as a non-archeologist adult - learned a few things, but told compellingly and simply enough that my young daughter thoroughly enjoyed the book. Archeology, like paleontology and geology (hmm, all have to do with digging in the dirt...) has its own coolness factor. But it is also useful in showing us how we learn about what happened in the past. This book definitely has the wow factor AND the "oh, so that's how/why it works" component. I really appreciate the author for respecting kids' intelligence and curiosity while also being able to weave a compelling story. Kudos! (Oh, and, if you're thinking about it, get this book!)

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