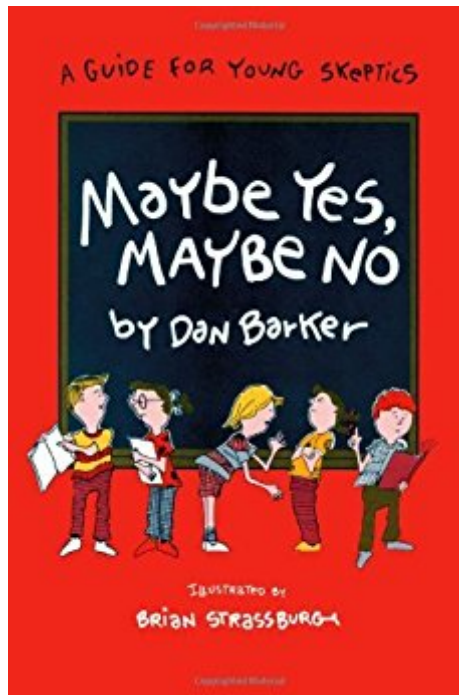




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Customer Reviews

My oldest has a hard time saying yes or no to things unless he is 100% certain. The possibility that he could be wrong is upsetting to him. This book is very simple and reassuring to him that it is ok to not have all the answers, and not take everyone's word as fact. Since we have read it, I have actually heard him answer another person with "maybe yes, maybe no. I don't know yet".

This book is fine and is decent for kids under 10. Outrageously priced. For \$14 (\$18 cover price), I expected a whole lot more. Though it is 80 pages long, the entire thing could have fit in 20. Most of it is pictures. My 13 yr old read it in 15 minutes. My 7 year olds in about 30 - 40. With regards to the content, the story in the first half of the book is good. Some kids say there are ghosts, Andrea wants

proof. The rest of the book reads more like a lecture. Would have liked to have seen a story for many of the scenarios discussed later. That being said, the content is decent, it's the value that is bad. I would not pay \$14 for this again. It's more like a long pamphlet. If I were you, I would find it at my local bookstore and go hang out for an hour to let my kids read the whole thing in a comfy chair while I'm sipping some coffee.

This says that it's for children 12 and up but in my experience it's just fine for much younger kids. I got it when my daughter (now 5.5) was 4 years old and she's loved it. It's an excellent way to introduce kids to skepticism and the basics of the scientific method. My only complaint is that the black-and-white illustrations aren't especially engaging; I would prefer brighter, more colorful images. I'm sure that they're sufficient for the book's tween-and-up target audience, though, so it still gets a full five stars from our family. The writing style doesn't seem at first glance like it's going to be very engaging, especially for young kids, but I was wrong-- my daughter finds it every bit as fascinating and fun as her fantasy books. Good work, Dan Barker! Thanks for helping build the next generation of skeptics and thinkers.

This is for the parent who wants to raise children to be thinking humans, not automatons who will quickly ally themselves with dogmatic categories of thought.

I enjoyed the premise of this book. I wanted to use it for school with my students, but think I'll have problems with the argument that might be interpreted as against belief in a religion/God. It does give students the tools to think critically and offers ways to disagree positively and clearly - which I loved. I'm just too afraid to tackle the religion part. I would give it to my own children. I think it's suitable for 5th or 6th-graders.

I have given this five stars because it is well written and gives me, as a parent, an opportunity to introduce important ideas to my kids. My child, now almost five, is a little young for some of the content. Of course, there is nothing offensive contained in the text, it's just that my kid does not yet care overmuch about these philosophical notions. This book might be best for 2nd grade minimum. More generally, I appreciate the books in this genre, directed at this particular audience of which I am one. As a parent, I have decided it isn't necessary (or beneficial) to raise my kids under the influence of religious indoctrination. Now that my son will soon be starting kindergarten though, I anticipate him hearing things from the other kids. Once he hears ideas like heaven, hell, afterlife,

gods, etc., I wonder, how will I dispel these notions? Anyway, the best I can do, I figure, is to explain that lots of people think lots of different things... some of them baseless, some silly. Anyway, books such as this (also "Maybe Right, Maybe Wrong," and others...) are good resources to keep around.

My daughter is 7 years old. She read it by herself and loved it! I think it's a mind opening for kids that they really don't have to believe everything right away and it's OK to ask questions. It guides them how to ask the right questions. There is a simple comic with a story to guide through a situation when a boy scares the friends with a "real" ghost story (the ghost seen/heard by his sister). At the end it turns out that it was not a ghost at all, but for that someone had to be skeptic, ask questions and investigate the circumstances :). Highly recommend it!

This is an excellent book for children who are interested in the scientific method. It's a simple story about really listening to what's being said, asking the right questions, and searching for your own answers, if the ones given don't make sense. I love the way the book presents skepticism in a positive light. Seeking the truth can be fun and rewarding. It's a valuable resource for atheist kids in a religious world.

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