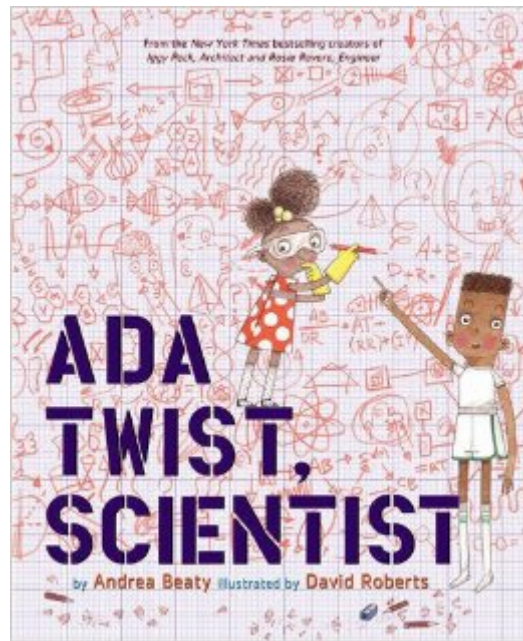


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Ada Twist, Scientist



Synopsis

The creators of the New York Times bestselling picture books *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and *Iggly Peck, Architect* are back with a story about the power of curiosity in the hands of a child who is on a mission to use science to understand her world. *Ada Twist, Scientist*, from powerhouse team Andrea Beaty and David Roberts, is a celebration of STEM, perseverance, and passion. Like her classmates, builder Iggly and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble! Inspired by real-life makers such as Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, *Ada Twist, Scientist* champions girl power and women scientists, and brings welcome diversity to picture books about girls in science. Touching on themes of never giving up and problem solving, Ada comes to learn that her questions might not always lead to answers, but rather to more questions. She may never find the source of the stink, but with a supportive family and the space to figure it out, she'll be able to feed her curiosity in the ways a young scientist should. Iggly Peck and Rosie Revere have earned their places among the most beloved children's characters, and they have inspired countless kids and adults to follow their dreams and passions. Now in her own charming and witty picture book, determined Ada Twist, with her boundless curiosity for science and love of the question "Why?", is destined to join these two favorites. The book is the perfect tool to remind both young girls and women that they have the intelligence and perseverance to achieve their dreams.

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Customer Reviews

Like her classmates Iggy Peck and Rosie Revere, Ada Twist is an unusual second grader. Ada is curious and full of questions. "Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose?" All day, she peppers her parents with inquisitive questions. When a noxious smell fills her house, Ada sets out to use the scientific method to figure out what is behind that foul odor. But in her search for answers Ada also ends up scaring the family cat and annoying her brother and parents. It's not easy pursuing scientific discovery, but luckily for Ada she has her family's full support once they stop to think about everything this girl dynamo has already discovered in *Ada Twist, Scientist* (2016) by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by Dave Roberts. Beaty and Roberts continue their delightful series of companion pictures that began with *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*. This time around Ada is inspired by scientists such as Marie Curie and, as her name suggests, Ada Lovelace. While I am very fond of this series, previous installments missed opportunities to include a more diverse cast of characters. The author and illustrator work to correct that here with Ada and her family. Ada is a thoughtful, intelligent, black girl and aspiring scientist--something we need to see more often in picture books (and other books for children and teens). While Ada encounters some pitfalls on her way to becoming a scientist she remains curious and persistent. This story includes rhyming text that rolls trippingly off the tongue and cartoon-like illustrations filled with details to draw readers into the story. *Ada Twist, Scientist* is a smart story that is sure to inspire many young scientists. A winner for storytimes and one-on-one readings.

Recommended.

We love this series of books and our 5yo daughter loves them as well. We love them b/c there's a focus on STEM and addresses insecurities a child may have about loving engineering and building and designing - AND Andrea Beaty is featuring non-traditional STEM kids which provides a character girls can see as themselves. I was very excited for this newest addition to Ms. Lila Greer's 2nd grade class because the principal character is a young minority girl and she loves science! Unfortunately the book doesn't read as easily as *Iggy Peck* or *Rosie Revere*. The story line is also pretty flat. And while the things that caused insecurities for *Iggy* and *Rosie* were basically in not

being accepted, Ada's passion has her being very messy - and writing all over the walls - and her parents are the ones that can't accept it. In the end, her parents accept it but I didn't get the sense that there was teaching in that. I'm all about accepting the curiosity and discovery and becoming a part of the love of research, but just think there's a better way to express that than a character writing all over the walls? As with the previous books there are great illustrations and in the last page, you see the parents have gotten her a big long wheel of paper that she can write out to her heart's content so parents can show their kids, that writing on the wall to satisfy the curiosity isn't the BEST approach. All in all, it's got the notions of the previous awesome stories, but this one falls a bit short. I still hope it does really well, b/c we can't wait to see the next one! Something targeting computer programming perhaps? :)

Another great addition to the series. I am giving it 4 stars, because Rosie Revere has absolutely captured my heart, but this one is also really great, though the story doesn't quite feel as fleshed out. A few things I love about it: 1) It seems as though Ada may possibly be autistic or have Asperger's. As the mom of a kid with autism, I really loved that Ada is a little bit different, and her parents have to adjust their parenting style and expectations to meet her needs. It's great for kids to see that sometimes parents have to make changes too. 2) I love the emphasis on a curious mind and asking lots of questions. I think a lot of times kids are discouraged from really asking lots of WHY because it annoys adults. Curiosity is what leads to great discoveries. I love Ada's innovation in creating tools to test her scientific hypotheses. 3) The style. Let's face it - these books are just oozing with style. I love that the Eames chair makes a cameo appearance here. I hope Andrea Beaty writes lots more of these fantastic books.

Just as awesome as Iggy Peck. Not as awesome as Rosie Revere. On par with Madame Chapeau. This pair can do no wrong. I love the implication that the main character may be "on the spectrum" without having to discuss it or call her out. She just is who she is and everyone is happy with that. LOVE that the main character is a little girl and she is black. I have two little boys who are white and I want them to be exposed to this example, which is much more realistic than the way that TV portrays people of color. On a less serious note; The illustrations could not be better. Spunky style and the boys loved looking for Rosie and Iggy on some of the pages. They laughed out loud as usual and begged to read it again right away. I could not recommend it highly enough. If you haven't read the others, drop what you are doing right this minute and get them.

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