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Will the future be what we think, or will our predictions be laughably wrong? Get a glimpse of what's coming—and how we know—in this firsthand look at futurology, the science of predicting the future.

What will the future look like? From “living” homes to computers as thin as paper to cars that drive themselves, you’ll get a peek at what’s coming just around the corner in *Hello from 2030*.

In the year 2030, issues we’re just now starting to address will be a very big deal. Like: What will 8 billion people eat? How can humans produce less trash? Which cool technologies will be used to figure all this out?

Packed with real-world relevance and brain-stretching scenarios, this book empowers the problem solvers of tomorrow to start taking action today.

Hello from 2030: The Science of the Future and You Details

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From Reader Review Hello from 2030: The Science of the Future and You for online ebook

Dena (Batch of Books) says

This is a fascinating look at technology, our earth, and the way things might be in the year 2030. The predictions in this book are based off of inventions that are already in the works and ideas that have been batted around for decades.

Each chapter looks at a different aspect of life, such as living conditions, the environment, and technology (robots!). It analyses what life was like in the past, what it's like now, and what it could be in the future. The book isn't terribly long and the writing is accessible to kids. There are fun photos and illustrations on almost every page.

I really liked the predictions, the concerns, and the hopes for our future that this book presented. Kids that like speculating about the future or that like technology will love this book.

Content: clean

Source: The publisher loaned me a digital galley of this book in exchange for an honest review.

My blog: Batch of Books

Grace says

I think this book is a great way to break down very complex subjects so that children and adults can easily grasp the main points. It is written in a style that is very kid-friendly and any person who has extensively researched scientific subjects would be delighted by the fun and accessible way the book is paced and presented. I'm not personally interested in reading it again but I would be interested in reading it to my younger relatives and talking about it with any relatives.

Ms. Yingling says

This is definitely a great book to purchase on many counts. It has topics of interest to students, like houses, food, and technology, combined with an aesthetically pleasing layout, complete with requisite cartoon robots. Why don't I have the Jetson's Rosie doing my laundry? Actually, the chapter on robots was interesting in the way the past vision of robots was addresses-- the machines that do things like laundry and cooking have become so efficient that robots would be superfluous! Who knew that microwaves were not a fabulous technology. My grandmother, who was born in 1893, would have begged to differ. She never locked the doors to her house until we bought her a microwave in 1980! Lots of good notes and statistics, as well as beautiful pictures, make this a good jumping off point for discussions about lots of different issues.

I am looking forward to seeing the physical book, though-- even though E Books are the thing of the future, sometimes the pages (at least on e ARCS) take longer to load than I would like, and make it hard to flip back

and forth between sections for cross referencing.

Claire says

What an incredible glimpse into the immediate future this book is, aimed at the more youthful around us!

What a treasure I lifted from the elementary library I had to renew only once to see all the fabulous idea Jan Paul Shutten had in mind for a better world within which we all can thrive! Now it can go back with only a note that pages 187/188 are ripped.

I have become refilled with hope for our planet! The children who handed this book off to me are bright stars for what shall come!

So there, Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come! I'm blowing a raspberry and pulling an eyelid down at you!

1041837etusd.Org says

THE FUTURE! Flying cars? Robots? MAYBE! This book reaches into your mind and pulls out your imagination and shows you our future economy and society. "Hello From 2030", by Jan Paul Schutten who tells us our future that's yet to come. This was a good book meant for people who like to think of what's yet to come. The author goes in to detail on how everything it will get better and he also explains how that improvement will improve over time. In the book it talks about computers evolving beyond our own knowledge because it goes in to detail in how even that step will go into even many more steps on its own "We'll have computers that can conceive of better computers than we ever could"(pg 94). It tells us how they will get even better and how we won't even be the ones who make them 10x 20x even 100x better it will be the computers that extend our knowledge. It also goes into detail on how any evolution would happen and what it would mean for the economy "And if you combine super-small chips with ultra thin display screen, you'll have a computer almost as thin as a sheet of paper"(pg 30)It goes into detail on how it would look and what we will use in order for it to get that small. In conclusion this is a good book meant for people who like to think in head of time or with people with an imagination of what will be up coming waiting s in the future.

Kelsey Gourd says

In this book, middle grade students will enjoy the ideas about what path will unfold in the future. Hello From 2030 begins by reflecting on technology's past, including Y2K. I would recommend this to readers who are very interested in technology and its impact on our everyday lives. Other readers may get easily lost in the abstract concept of multiple possibilities. Overall, Hello From 2030 will be a great addition to any collection. Especially if you have weeded out other 'futuristic' books recently.

Staci Suhy says

I received this book for free as part of a first reads promotion

Leigh Collazo says

More reviews at Mrs. ReaderPants.

SUMMARY: Examines possibilities for earth's future in the year 2030. Specifically focuses on scientific advancements including artificial intelligence, environmental concerns, and human lifestyle.

REVIEW: This book reminds me of a ride at Epcot Center in Disneyworld Orlando. The ride, inside the iconic Spaceship Earth (the giant "golf ball" structure), takes riders on a 15-minute tour of the history of human technological advancements. Traveling from cavemen huddled around a fire through Walt Disney's imagined city of the future, Spaceship Earth is a ride that every Disney enthusiast needs to visit at least once.

Hello from 2030 looks at possible future inventions that will help make our future lives easier, cleaner, and healthier. The book pays special attention to environmental concerns such as food and water shortages, global warming, disease, and deforestation. I like how Schutten addresses these issues honestly but without being overly gloom-and-doom. The "scarier" issues of the uncertain future focus more on causes and prevention than on a "sky is falling" mentality. Rather than scaring younger readers, I think this look at the future will motivate them to become more energy-conscious and aware of their own roles in conservation.

USES FOR TEACHERS/LIBRARIANS:

ART/ARCHITECTURE: Design a room or home of the future. Lots of math applications for this as well.

SCIENCE: Conservation efforts. What can you do to help conserve water, curb pollution, grow new food, etc.?

ENGLISH: Write a letter from yourself in 2030. What is the world like? What do you do all day? Do you have a family? What are the problems and possible solutions?

THE BOTTOM LINE: An interesting look at technological and environmental possibilities in the year 2030.

STATUS IN MY LIBRARY: On order.

READALIKES: *Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future* (Ceceri)

Presentation & layout: 5/5--colorful and varied, lots of white space

Quality of information: 5/5--Not alarmist; no obvious agenda beyond conveying information about the future

Photos/illustrations: 5/5--colorful photos and/or drawings on nearly every page; pages are clean and white, but many pages have colorful background art (does not impede or distract from text)

Documentation of sources: 5/5--Author thanks six college professors for their input but does not specify their fields of expertise or give any information besides their names. Extremely thorough "Notes" section at

end gives references and links of interest--it is 35-pages in length and broken down by chapter. Index section is planned but not available at the time of my review.

Front and back matter: 5/5--Includes TOC, 35-pages of Notes, Acknowledgements, Index (not viewed)

Engrossing: 4/5--Very easy to read and understand. I wasn't always riveted, but it was interesting enough for me to complete in one sitting.

Writing: 5/5--Love the conversational tone, which will draw readers in.

Appeal to teens: 5/5--Who isn't interested in the not-so-distant future?

Appropriate length: 5/5--Interesting enough for me to read in one sitting. Though it has 224 pages, lots of colorful illustrations and ample use of white space break up the text nicely.

CONTENT:

Language: none

Sexuality: none

Violence: none

Drugs/Alcohol: none

Other: none

Kathleen says

Checked this one out for Tessa but had to read it myself! It goes through various possible futures, technological, medical, architectural, and more. Interesting, with lots to think about.

Talley says

really cool

Stephanie says

Yikes, I probably should have written my own review before I read others! Am I the only one who didn't like this book? I like the idea: the author asks the reader to consider what different aspects of life might look like by the year 2030. But honestly, it was super repetitive and just kept going back to technology, environment, technology, climate change, technology, global warming. It could have been a much shorter book, called "What the Earth May Be Reduced to by 2030 Unless New Technology Somehow Saves Us."

Brit says

Thank you to first reads! I won this book through the first reads giveaway through goodreads.

My roommate took it into her 3rd grade class room and the students love it. It became a part of their daily group reading and they are always left wanting to read more. It is written in a way that seems like the narrator is having a conversation with you, not just telling a story so the kids feel like they are interacting with the book. It shares science info in a cute and goofy way that holds the students interest and leaves them thinking after every page.

This book sparked a project in her classroom where the students had to take info they learned from the book and create their own invention which had to have a computer chip involved. Their ideas were incredibly creative and they bound it together in a classroom book of their own.

Definitely recommend it!

jshesman says

I am enthralled with this book. It is fascinating. I learned so much that gave me both hope and fear about the future. I even enjoyed reading the footnotes!

Sally Hannoush says

There are great photos and drawings included in this book that held my attention. What I got out of this book is that the past and future is all subjective. We feared Y2K and drove ourselves to superstition and false predictions. I recall watching films or seeing other types of media showing the future full of flying cars or a full meal at the push of a button packed into a nice pill. Some technology has proven to produce futuristic results while others are still in the works. The ride at Epcot is a good example of past to future progressions. I am now having flashbacks of the ride-Spaceship Earth I believe- and mixing it up with the TV show Eureka to outline my understanding of this book. We have come so far yet there is always that little worry that we go too far and end up in a fast nosedive. We are leaning more towards having machines do the work for us and using less physical means. The development of solar power and ways for conserving water is only a few types of "green" trends. The government is always working on projects that we do not see for many years after it is developed so we may already have what we only can envision. This book motivates to think about our future via environment, entertainment, daily living and the balance of it all. There are so many advance things that one can only daydream about.

P.S. I enjoyed the bit about breathing in candy. It can't harm us with calories and sugar. Willy Wonka is just the man for the job.

Fantasy Literature says

I had some mixed feelings about Hello from 2030, a Middle Grade (grades 3-7) non-fiction book by Jan Paul

Schutten that over the course of about 200 pages speculates on what the future might hold for human culture — driverless cars, robots, living houses, a changing environment — as well as explains how such “futurology” predictions are made. On the one hand, it is full of interesting moments of speculation about future technology, has a quick pace, is clear and easy to follow. On the other hand, I found a few choices a bit puzzling.

For instance, one segment talks about cameras in your home that can send images of an “intruder” to your watch or phone — “if it’s a stranger, you can warn the police with one push of a button.” Maybe this is my simple naiveté, but it seemed a bit strange to me for a kids’ book to worry them about... Read More: <http://www.fantasyliterature.com/review-of-the-future-by-kevin-schutten/>
