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In Bats, we follow a little brown bat whose wing is injured by humans on a nature hike. He is taken to a bat rehabilitation center where he meets many different species of bats. They teach him how they fly, what they eat, and where they like to live.

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic—dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty year old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you!

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Flora says

Very cute, and actually quite informative (so it does live up to its name), and the facts are presented in a visually appealing, graphical manner. Some of the bat puns were a bit cheesy, but maybe younger children would have enjoyed them more than I did. I ended up enjoying the book more than I thought I would - much of the scientific information presented later in the book did more than simply giving facts about bats, but also discussed the impact of human activities on bats, and how humans and bats can learn to live peacefully together. This element lent the book a more "engaging" element, which helped bring the story and facts to life.

Christa Seeley says

This is the second volume of the Science Comics series that I've read (the other being Flying Machines) and this was much better. The narrative structure was much more engaging. Felt like I was reading the story of Little Brown Bat with some extra facts sprinkled in, rather than just an illustrated chapter of a textbook. I think this would be a great comic for kids to help them learn about the different kinds of bats and the important role they have in our world.

Jessica ? says

This graphic non-fiction is jam-packed with information about bats, and kids who love bats may enjoy the book. However, despite being a bat enthusiast myself, I struggled to get through it, because it was not holding my attention. It took a few tries.

This is difficult to rate. 5 stars for tons of bat info. 1 star for excitement. So... 3 stars? A good, dry book about bats.

I received this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Ms. Shoshana says

I didn't know durians were pollinated solely by bats! Bats can skip that one in the future!

Informative and colorful. Good for someone interested in beginning to learn about bats, although not useful as a reference because there's no table of contents or index. I personally am not a big fan of non-fiction wrapped in a fictional coating – I would've preferred it if Dr. Reba was a real person, and there was some factual information about her in the end pages. The back had a short glossary and some further reading materials, but the organization was a little strange. Why was the graphic about frequency and decibel just stuck in the back, instead of incorporated into the story? Still, a good title for a school or public library. I

think this could be an easy book to sell a kid on!

Heidi says

I really quite enjoyed this entry in the Science Comics series. The combination of a fictional story about a young bat who is injured by a human tourist with factual information about bats makes for an interesting read. The efforts of a young girl and a vet to help the young brown bat heal complement the interactions of the different kinds of bats. Lots of fascinating information about bats, how they fly, what they eat, where they live, provides plenty of great facts for eager young readers. The graphics are attractive and accurate, including the scenes with the bats interacting (shown right-side up, but clearly shown as upside down). For students who enjoy graphic novels and learning about interesting factual topics this series is a great boon. This series is also a great way to encourage students who favor either fiction or nonfiction into expanding their horizons.

Shiloh Peacemaker says

I came across this interesting graphic novel in the Delaware Library, Orange branch. It was awesome! I just devoured it. It was so informational as well as it had a great story line. I will definitely reading more graphic novels from group, as I saw there were 3 others. :)

Plus I will be visiting the Delaware Library, Orange branch again, even though it is 30 minutes away from my home. It was beautiful there!

Becky B says

Follow a little brown bat to a vet clinic who is injured by humans who misunderstand his actions. At the clinic the little brown bat learns all about other bats in the world, their eating habits, and where they like to hang out.

This is what I'll dub very informative fiction. The book is structured in a graphic novel fiction story, but it is loaded with tons of real facts and info on bats. And the overall purpose is definitely to inform. I'd recommend reading this one with *The Bats Scientists* for a very well-rounded primer on bats and why humans should re-think how they think about these critters. I personally love that they eat so many mosquitoes. This does an especially good job of outlining the different types of bats. Recommended for curious kids.

First Second Books says

Welcome to yet another Science Comics, an action-packed nonfiction graphic novel series for middle-grade readers! In this ultrasonic volume, Falynn Koch introduces us to a remarkable but misunderstood flying mammal: the bat!

Paula says

I like this graphic novel series called SCIENCE COMICS. They have a wide range of topics and being someone who is fascinated by bats, I was really drawn to this one. In this graphic nonfiction, a little brown bat is injured by a human and brought to a rehabilitation center where he is introduced to a wide variety of bats also being cared for. As he is introduced to his fellow bats we learn about the various species of bats who help us by pollinating plants, eradicating pesky insects, and planting new fruit trees. Terrific illustrations and accessible facts, this is a great text for learning about a widely misunderstood creature.

Ellon says

This book is nominated for the Black Eyed Susan award this year. I put off reading it a while because, while I enjoyed it, the Dinosaur science comic from last year took me a while to read due to all the information in it. This one had lots of great information too but it was a little easier to understand. I liked the way the graphic novel gave the information while telling the story of the injured bat, although a few times the information panels that were separate from the story broke up the story in an awkward way.

This book has inspired me to make or buy a bat box!

Dakota Morgan says

Bats are great! They eat bugs, pollinate flowers, and basically make life much better for us without our ever knowing. Unfortunately, they're not exactly fascinating enough to hold up an entire Science Comics entry.

Falynn Koch does a decent job of wrapping bat facts up in a story about an injured bat being taken to the vet. A lot of that framing story feels like it's just taking up space, though, making it pretty forgettable. "Hey new bat, we have to introduce you to all these other bat species so that they can explain what makes bats special!" I think would have been happier just hearing what makes bats special without the framing device.

The art is great, though, and truly impressive considering the diversity and general weirdness of bats. Koch really captures the wide variety of bat faces while still maintaining a general cuteness that won't freak out wary readers.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This is not just a graphic novel. Science comics are full of interesting information, detailed illustrations, use of topic and more.

In this book we meet a small brown bat that somehow ends up in an area where brown bats are not found. When he tries to eat insects flying around humans, he is swatted and ends up breaking a wing. The tour guide takes him to a vet who specializes and rescues bats. She sets his wing and puts him in a cages area. He is

taken under the wing of Gray, a gray bat and meets the various other bats living there. Through these introductions we learn about habitats, food, family life, sizes, nesting, echolocation, homes etc. It is all done in a very interesting and entertaining way. There are some great diagrams and illustrations to add to the story. We learn about the efforts of people to repopulate the bat world by building bat houses and having insecticide free farms.

This book can be used by all ages to learn about bats and how to protect them and in turn how to protect the planet. It should be in all libraries, school and public. A great resource.

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Science Comics: Bats

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Review

This is a beautiful alteration on the Science Comics line – a book on, well bats, aimed at the younger reader. Prior books have been aimed at a ‘tweenie’ audience, whereas this can easily be read by a younger reader. As stated before (and rather blatantly in the title) this subject on hand is bats and this is an informative, educational look at the only flying mammals. Filled with trivia and biological facts, for example on the nature of echolocation and the fact that the bat stems from the primate family, this is sure to entertain anyone who holds interest in bats, big or small, or wants to educate themselves on bat preservation such as making ‘bat-friendly’ shelters. Science Comics: Bats is a welcome addition to the line.

The writing was what struck me immediately – not preachy, and only resorting to scientific nomenclature when absolutely necessary. It struck me that this is precisely like my long gone, dog-eared copy of Dinosaurs I had when I was eight. The diction is concise and written towards the younger reader. Following a bat that gets sent to a rescue shelter, the story revolves around his introduction to different species of his genus, and the daughter of the rather over-exuberant parents who unintentionally injure it causing her to become a volunteer at the veterinarian’s clinic. Through the two (more the bat than the girl – the bat is written less ‘scientifically’) the reader is propelled into the wonderful and exotic world of bats. It whets your appetite and has further reading for both the younger and older reader in the back is a nice touch. The educational quality of this book cannot be understated.

The artwork in Science Comics: Bats is also unique. Blending an Eisner-like cartoonish approach with biological artwork, Bats details the differences between different species. It’s not so cartoonish to be dismissed by the older reader but accessible to the younger ones. The panelation flows well, and aside from one or two oddly placed speech bubbles, is quite easy to follow. The linework is well done, and inking is as equally deft. Overall the artwork compliments the writing and almost keeps the story flowing. This is rare, but Koch pulls it off with elegance. The backgrounds suit the characterization, and all in all, this truly represents Eisner’s educational comics point in Comics and Sequential Art.

I can't do anything but recommend this book for anyone even remotely interested in bats. The educational content is enough, as said, to whet your appetite and point you in the right direction for further reading. Aimed at a younger audience, however, and this really is their playground. Like that copy of Dinosaurs I had in my youth, this book would have spurned my interest in chiropterology rather than herpetology (although I still think snakes and giant lizards are cool). *Science Comics: Bats* is a must buy that might spurn an interest in these wonderful and mysterious creatures.

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Donalyn says

The latest installment in the fantastic *Science Comics* series.

Fernanda Fadel says

The idea of the science comics is really neat, to teach science in a fun way. The drawings are really good. I do learn new things with every comic I read.

BUT I still think they lack a story line. With very few exceptions, it feels like reading a normal school book just with more pictures, which at times makes the comic a bit boring. I will still read all of them, but i wish there were more actual stories inserted among all the facts.
