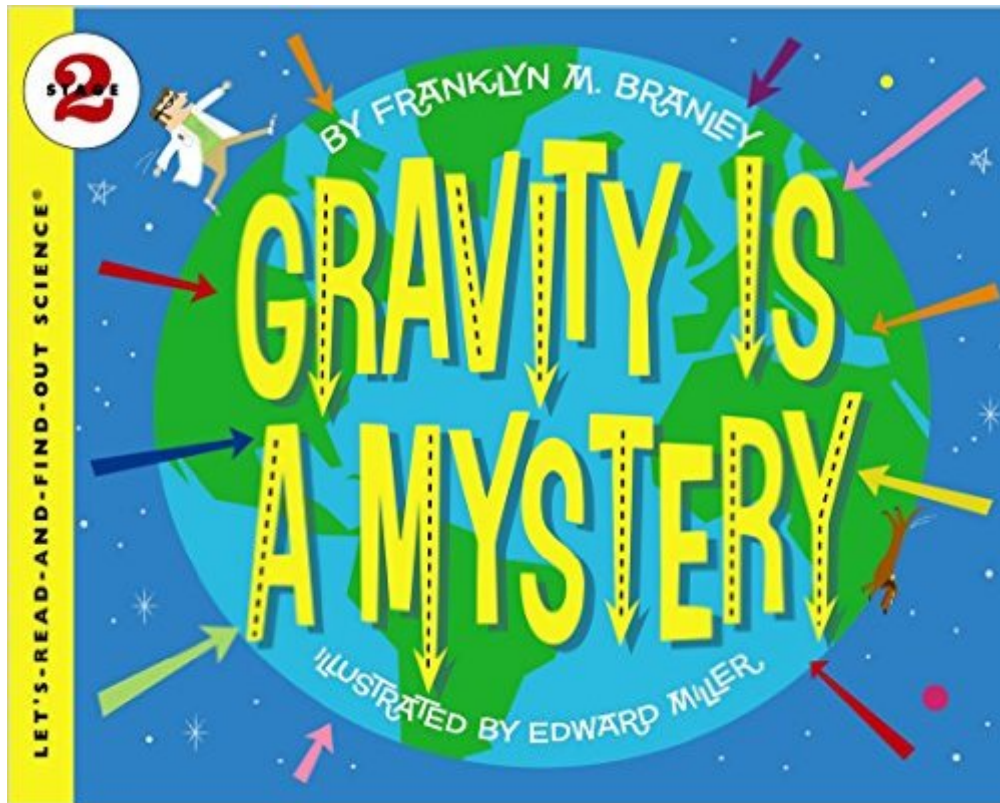


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# Gravity Is A Mystery (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)



## Synopsis

What goes up must come down. Everybody knows that. But what is it that pulls everything from rocks to rockets toward the center of the earth? It's gravity. Nobody can say exactly what it is, but gravity is there, pulling on everything, all the time. With the help of an adventurous scientist and his fun-loving dog, you can read and find out about this mysterious force.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Although this book will painlessly teach your four year old what science is and what that abstract concept, gravity, is, it is also excellent for a teenager who is struggling through a physics course. As Einstein said, you don't really understand a concept until you can explain it to your grandmother. Well, this is a book for Grandmother.

This book is as important as it is wonderful. It brings home the Big Secret about science that escapes most people: Science is about the unknown, not the known. There are lots of mysteries out there; the business of science is to change the unknown into the known, which is the lesson, I think, of Franklyn Branley's masterpiece.

In 1990, my husband went to the library and brought home "gravity is a mystery" for our son to read. He loved it! It was his favorite book for weeks! Every night one of us would have to read it to him. This is a fun book that everyone should get a chance to read.

One of my older children brought this book home from a school book sale many years ago. It was a hit with both of my children for several years. Then, as they grew up, the book was put away in a box for another time. When I had another child, I got out that "box for another time" and stacked the books on a shelf. This one was amongst them, and onto a shelf it went, though I didn't expect it to be of interest to him for several years yet. But lately, at 21 months, Jack has been asking for this book frequently -- and listening with interest to reading after reading! I doubt that the concept of "how much you weigh on Mars" makes much sense to him yet -- but the idea of gravity is one that he is working out, and Branley's explanations of the Earth pulling everything to its center is simple and seems to satisfy even at this age! Even better, the science is simple, but accurate so it's a good start on his physics education!

My daughter loves this book, as she is currently really into gravity. It has a nice explanation of gravity and its relationship to weight on earth and on different planets and the moon. This would serve as a good introduction to force/acceleration, though it doesn't discuss gravity in those terms. Also, I like how it shows how gravity pulls to the center of an object, as opposed to the apparent pull of it to the ground or surface.

I bought this as a supplement to our study of outer space. My son enjoys it as a bedtime story and my daughter occasionally pulls it off the shelf on her own to look through it. It's a well-written story so it engaged my 5-year-old and my 3-year-old equally. I like that it has a story line AND communicates some interesting facts.

My son is 4 and it's his new favorite book. I thought it would be a little boring for him to read this book as it meant to be for older kids. But he understands everything and asks to read it over and over.

I bought my son several of the Let's Read and Find Out books for Christmas. He's a first grader going on 7 years. These are just absolutely fantastic books for introducing various difficult concepts. I like that they contain a lot of information, but are still easy to understand. Hard to find something

"not too young, not too old" for this age. We love them. This particular one was a favorite.

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