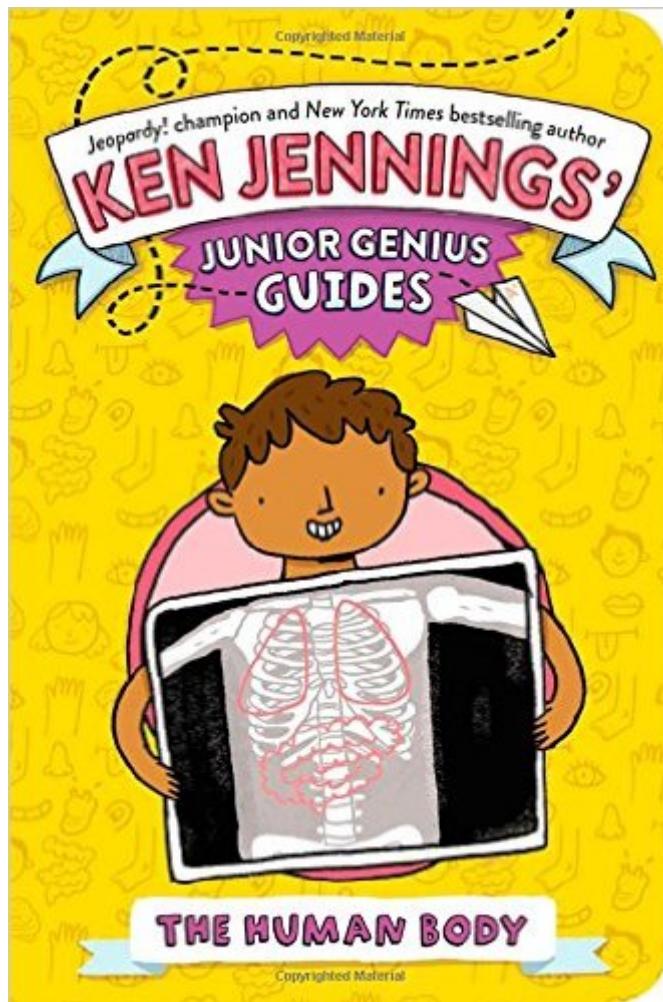


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# The Human Body (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides)



## **Synopsis**

Unveil the impressive mysteries of your own body with this interactive trivia book from Jeopardy! champ and New York Times bestselling author Ken Jennings. With this book about the amazing human body, you'll become an expert and wow your friends and teachers with awesome anatomical facts: Did you know that your hair is as strong as copper wire? Or that if you could spread them out, your lungs would have the surface area of a tennis court? With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes to test your knowledge, this guide will have you on your way to whiz-kid status in no time!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 10 years

Grade Level: 3 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

I had high hopes for this book. I didn't mind the constant Ken Jennings self promotion that much. The "you are all junior genius versions of genius Ken" got old and was sort of patronizing. But I figured that once we got through all of that salesmanship and branding there would be a solid middle grade non-fiction book here. I was wrong. There is no particular organization to the material, except for a "First Period, Second Period, Recess" kind of structure. We start with DNA, which seems an odd choice, but even in that chapter, which swings between lame jokes and discussions

of the adenine, guanine, thymine and cytosine bases of the DNA double helix, we have one sentence describing cells, a few lines about twins, some weird stories about people who survived things like embedding a drill bit in their head, and then some Guinness record stuff. No effort is made to present a coherent story and no effort is made to put any particular factoid into context. And, most words aren't explained. If identical twins come from the same "zygote" you might want to mention what a "zygote" is. The illustrations don't help since most are too childish or cutesy to illustrate the point being made. The upshot is that this is mostly a jokey "Dummies" style book. There are many interesting one sentence facts; it's just that they're introduced almost randomly, with little context and with a heavy emphasis on coming up with puns. What you end up with is a sort of middle grade bathroom book. That's fine if that's what you want. (IMPORTANT UPDATE: I just finished reading and reviewing

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