

BOOK INFO & ACTIVITIES

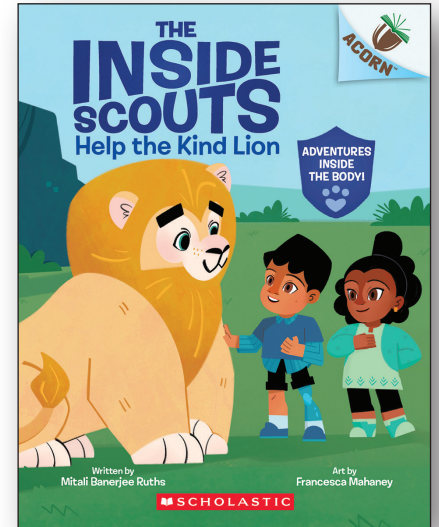
AGES
5-7
GRADES
K-2

THE INSIDE SCOUTS

Help the Kind Lion

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When a lion with a leaky heart needs help, the Inside Scouts know what to do! They put on their suits, grab their tools, and shrink really small with their special superpower. They go inside the lion to find the leaky spot. And they fix it together!

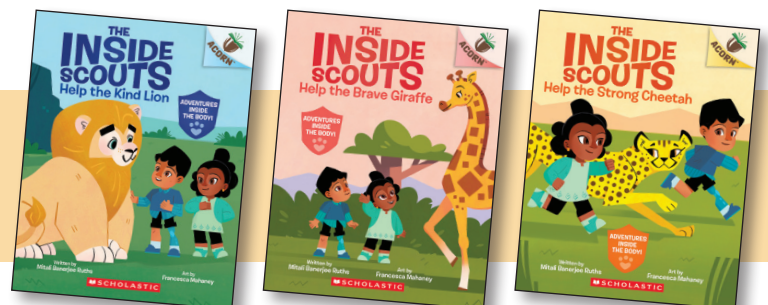
The Inside Scouts series uses STEM-themed stories to introduce new readers to the human body through mammals with similar anatomy.

Activities to Share with Young Readers

- Reinforce the importance of punctuation in determining meaning by comparing identically worded sentences that end with different punctuation marks. Review the sentence pairs on pages 5, 40, and 41 of *Help the Kind Lion*. How does the punctuation in each sentence alter the meaning? On page 5, how does putting the word “lion” in all capital letters help readers decode the intent of the sentence?
- Because this story is told in dialog form, it makes for a perfect readers’ theater script! Create groups of two or three to take the roles of Sanjay, Viv, and Ruslan and assign each group a chapter. Any additional children can become the chorus and perform the heartbeat sounds and tickle action words in the fourth and fifth chapters. Have the children practice in their groups before performing the story.
- Have children create character posters of Sanjay and Viv. What adjectives or phrases describe the personality traits of each character? Have children draw portraits of Sanjay and Viv and creatively add key words and phrases that describe their character traits.
- How does Ruslan’s heart sound before and after the leak is fixed? Show the children how to find their pulse on their wrists or just below their jaw lines. Review the key components of the circulatory system and the heart in the Fun Facts about the Heart section of the book.
- Ruslan is a kind lion. He doesn’t snarl or snap. Sanjay and Viv show kindness by helping him. Discuss different ways to be kind and show kindness to others. How does it feel to be kind? How does it feel when someone shows you kindness?

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