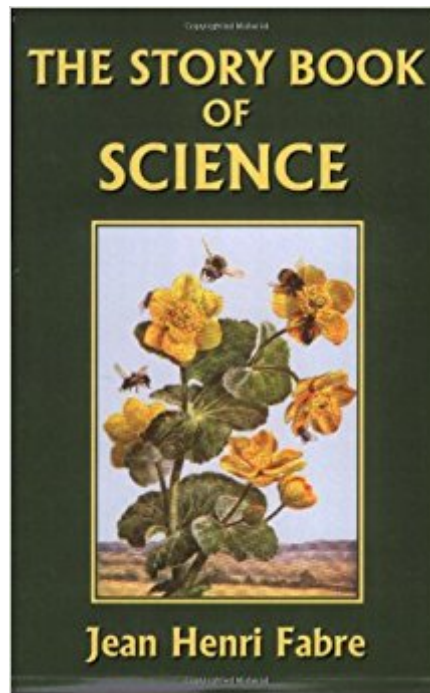




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Jean-Henri Casimir Fabre (1823-1915) was a French entomologist and author. Fabre was born in Saint-Léons in Aveyron, France. Fabre was largely an autodidact, owing to the poverty of his family. Nevertheless, he acquired a primary teaching certificate at the young age of 19 and began teaching in Carpentras whilst pursuing further studies. In 1849 he was appointed to a teaching post in Ajaccio (Corsica), then in 1849 moved on to the lycée in Avignon. Fabre went on to accomplish many scholarly achievements. He was a popular teacher, physicist, chemist and botanist. However, he is probably best known for his findings in the field of entomology, the study of insects, and is considered by many to be the father of modern entomology. Much of his enduring popularity is due to his marvelous teaching ability and his manner of writing about the lives of insects in biographical form, which he preferred to a clinically detached, journalistic mode of recording. In doing so he combined what he called "my passion for scientific truth" with keen observations and an engaging, colloquial style of writing. Fabre noted: Others again have reproached me with my style, which has not the solemnity, nay, better, the dryness of the schools. They fear lest a page that is read without fatigue should not always be the expression of the truth. Were I to take their word for it, we are

profound only on condition of being obscure. Over the years he wrote a series of texts on insects and arachnids that are collectively known as the Souvenirs Entomologiques. Fabre's influence is felt in the later works of fellow naturalist Charles Darwin, who called Fabre "an inimitable observer". Fabre, however, rejected Darwin's theory of evolution; on the other hand he was not a Biblical creationist either but assumed a saltationist origin of biodiversity. In one of Fabre's most famous experiments, he arranged processionary caterpillars to form a continuous loop around the edge of a pot. As each caterpillar instinctively followed the silken trail of the caterpillars in front of it, the group moved around in a circle for seven days. Jean-Henri Fabre's last home and office, the Haras de Fabre in Provence stands today as a museum devoted to his life and works. The site of his birth, at St L ons, near Millau is now the site of Micropolis, a tourist attraction dedicated to popularising entomology and a museum on his life. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I really wish this had pictures!!! So many of the stories do a nice job of describing nature and scientific wonders, but you have no picture to look at. For example, we are reading the section about the parts of a flower (pistil, stamen, etc...) and since there are not pictures, I have to stop and look these up online so my kids can get a visual. Maybe there is a different version of this book that includes pictures. Also, the chapters are extremely hard to find. I finally started underlining them when they pop up in the middle of a paragraph. Overall I like the concept of an Uncle teaching his niece and nephews about God's creation through real life stories, but this book is a bit of a challenge because of the way it was printed.

I have the same problem with the printing- the last line of every page is unreadable

This is a cute book. Maybe better juvenile, but I found it interesting. Learned many things about nature and the life around us. An easy read for anyone.

My 11 year old and I are enjoying this book right now as part of his living science curriculum. We finished reading a chapter about ants and some of their interesting habits and the next day my son came inside from playing and told me he had observed the ants doing as the book described. Inspires curiosity! Great!

This is an incredible book. My daughters (7 and 9) beg for more with every reading. They not only narrate but think and talk about the book for days - always asking more questions and wanting

further understanding (the mark of a truly great book!)

My 12 y/o son has enjoyed this book as a living science book. We use Ambleside Online for homeschooling.

I have gone through 2 copies by a different publisher, assuming incorrectly at first it was a defect in the first copy, until I got the second one with the same defect. I can stand the faint print but an illegible last line on every other page is absurd. This printer is no different. It appears I have exhausted my options to get my hands on this book. I'm not sure why other buyers haven't complained as much.

This book used language that was more advanced (and a bit outdated) than my 9 year old can really handle. I love the concept, but wish it came in a version that was more updated language-wise.

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