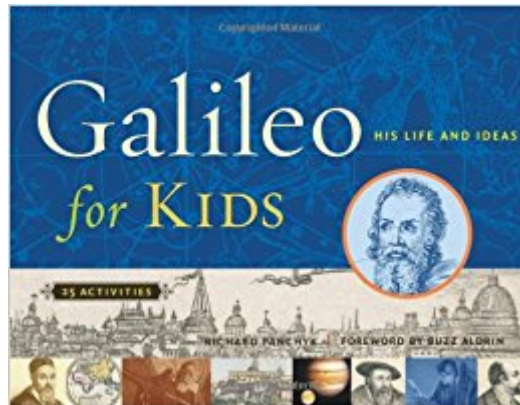




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Galileo For Kids: His Life And Ideas, 25 Activities (For Kids Series)



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Galileo, one of history's best-known scientists, is introduced in this illuminating activity book. Children will learn how Galileo's revolutionary discoveries and sometimes controversial theories changed his world and laid the groundwork for modern astronomy and physics. This book will inspire kids to be stargazers and future astronauts or scientists as they discover Galileo's life and work. Activities allow children to try some of his theories on their own, with experiments that include playing with gravity and motion, making a pendulum, observing the moon, and painting with light and shadow. Along with the scientific aspects of Galileo's life, his passion for music and art are discussed and exemplified by period engravings, maps, and prints. A time line, glossary, and listings of major science museums, planetariums, and web sites for further exploration complement this activity book.

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Grade 5-9—Clear, sometimes dry, writing places Galileo squarely within the historical context of the turbulent Italian Renaissance. His scientific discoveries challenged the ideas held by the Catholic Church and he was tried for heresy. Sidebars give additional information about individuals and events that influenced Galileo's life. In an author's note, Panchyk mentions his use

of Galileo's correspondences throughout, and they are referenced within the text (rather than footnoted), usually with such introductions as, Galileo wrote "or one letter explained". The text is illustrated with good-quality reproductions of historical artwork and scientific diagrams. As with other titles in the series, the history is accompanied by suggestions for learning activities. Most of them are interesting experiments that demonstrate scientific principles discovered by Galileo and require only common household materials. James MacLachlan's *Galileo Galilei: First Physicist* (Oxford, 1997) is more technical and does not contain any suggestions for activities. Panchyk's title is a good choice for those interested in integrating history and science curriculums.

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A delightful introduction to Galileo and his pivotal discoveries. This book not only puts Galileo's discoveries into historical context, it uses hands-on children's activities to excite young imaginations. Highly recommended for grandmothers looking to introduce fundamental scientific principles with relaxed, easy-to-follow suggestions.

It's a shame that it's called "for Kids" -- I got it for a 12 year old and he hardly did more than glance at it -- felt a bit insulted that I got him something "for kids". But when I took the book home and pulled out some of the experiments for us to do together, without his knowing they came from the "kid" book, he was fascinated.

I bought this for my 10 year old who is doing a report on Galileo for school. His report needs to include a written report and 5 other elements such as experiments, maps, timelines etc. This book was a great resource with many ideas for projects to do related to Galileo and his life. My only complaint would be the written text on his life was a bit complex for his reading and writing for his report, a great resource for teachers to teach about Galileo. And many awesome fun experiments and project ideas.

Wonderful collection of activities ... great stuff and very educational.

My grade school son absolutely loves this book! Dense text, though, so not for everyone. Perfect for the science-oriented kid.

Great book, but written more for older kids than mine (3-5 grade).

this was a gift for my 9 year old nephew. He loves science and likes to read. This will give him more information on Galileo

Great series of books!

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