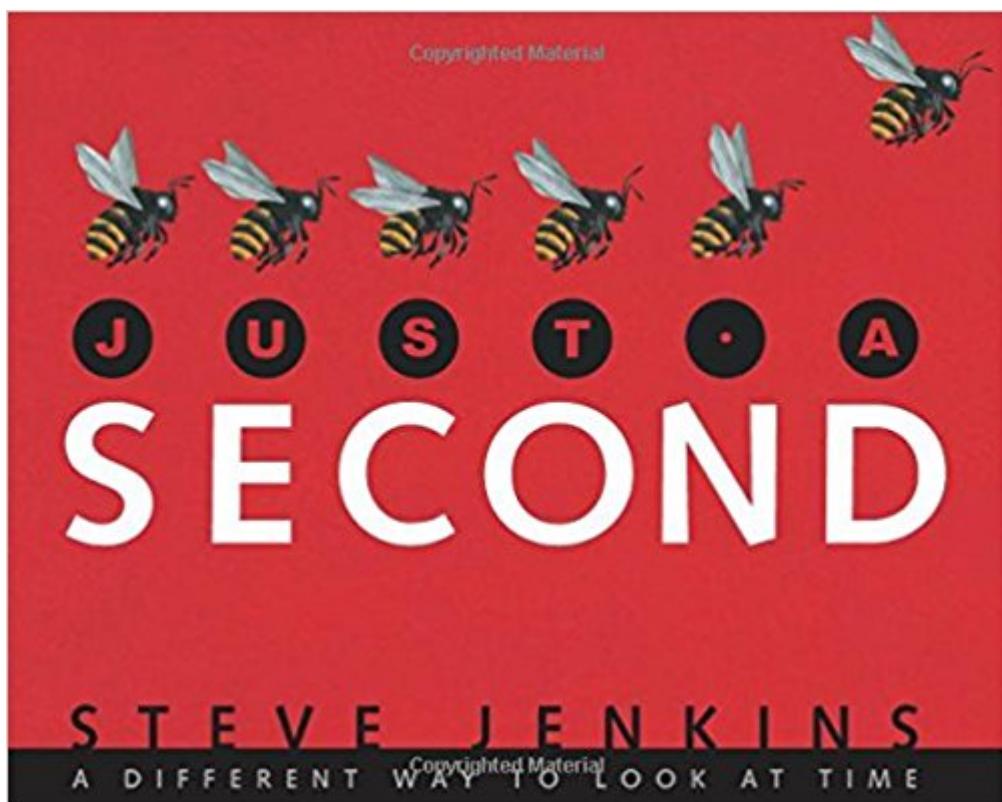


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Just A Second



Synopsis

What can happen in just a second, a minute, or an hour? How can we measure time? The flap of a vulture's wing. A crocodile's heartbeat. The weight of a baby blue whale. The life of a mayfly. These increments of time may sound a bit strange, but they are all fascinating ways in which we can think about time. But what exactly is time? In *Just a Second*, the award-winning author-illustrator Steve Jenkins brings forth unique ways to think about time beyond the hands we see every day on a ticking clock. This non-fiction picture book explores time and how we think about it in a different way - as a series of events in the natural world (some of them directly observable, others not) that take place in a given unit of time. Steve Jenkins' extraordinary illustrations will accompany this engaging look at time.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Steve Jenkins has offered up yet another masterful science book aimed squarely at young readers. This time around, he takes on time itself and explains it in a way that is sure to engage the picture book crowd and older readers alike. The largest section is devoted to things that can occur in one second. On two page spreads, different animals and man made objects are portrayed in Jenkins' signature colorful style, along with a small fact. Did you know that in one second, a rattlesnake

shakes its tail in warning sixty times? How about a bumblebee beats its wings 200 times? Also, "Somewhere in the world, four babies are born (and two people die)." Fortunately for us, Jenkins does not stop there. After the three spreads of one second facts, we get two double page spreads of one-minute facts, and one spread of one hour facts. Jenkins then addresses one day, one week, one month and one year. All of his facts are fascinating and of the type that trivia loving kids will just devour like candy. He states that "An estimated 50 people are killed by sharks" in one year, and humans cut down 4,000,000,000 trees. You can see the potential in this book to spark interest in a variety of subjects. The final pages of this unique book are devoted to things that are very quick, and things that are very long. For example, who knew that A Koi lived to 226 years of age? Also included is a bar graph showing Earth's human population growth and a very nicely done visual of the history of the universe. The genius of this book is that it works on so many levels. The format is appealing to very young children who will enjoy the many animal facts.

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