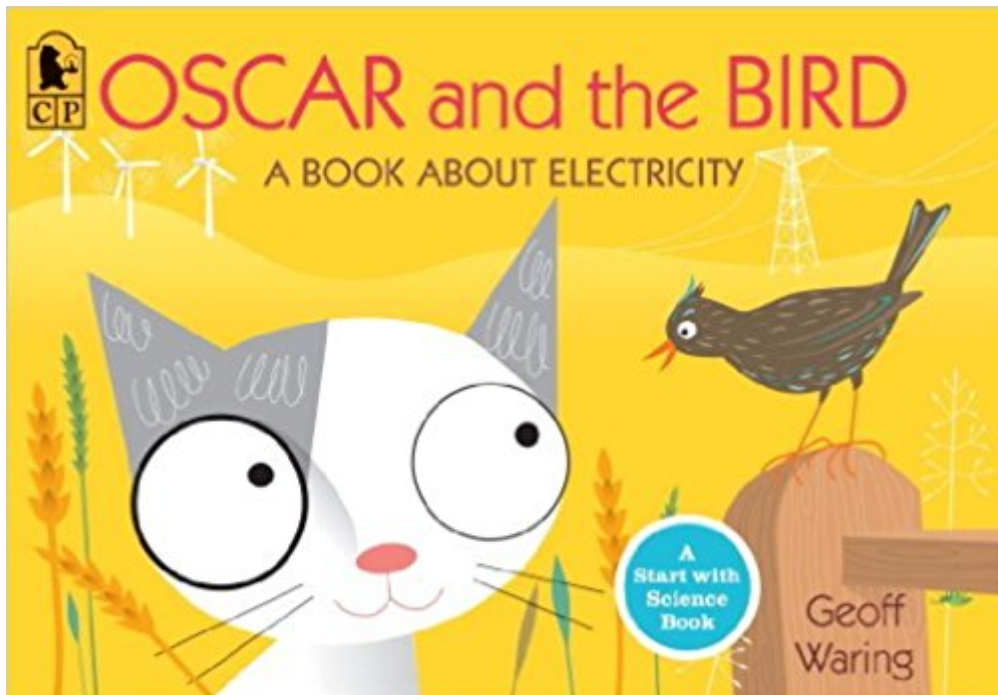




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# Oscar And The Bird: A Book About Electricity (Start With Science)



## Synopsis

Two new Start with Science books introduce kids to core science concepts through engaging stories, fresh illustrations, and supplemental activities. When Oscar the kitten finds a tractor in a field and accidentally turns on the windshield wipers, he is full of questions about electricity. Luckily, Bird knows the answers! With the help of his friend, Oscar finds out how electricity is made and stored, which machines need electricity to work – and why we always need to be careful around wires, batteries, plugs, and sockets. From the Hardcover edition.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

"\* "Geoff Waring's beautiful picture book [gives] enough information to satisfy a thirst for information within pictures that are full of the wonder that lies behind the science." The Guardian on Oscar and the Moth" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Geoff Waring is the author-illustrator of all the Oscar Start with Science books. He has worked as a graphic designer and is the illustrator of BLACK MEETS WHITE by Justine Fontes. He lives in London. From the Hardcover edition.

I was really impressed with this children's book. My kid is three years old and I purchased this a few months ago when he was 2.5-ish. I was trying to find something that would tell him why he shouldn't play with electrical sockets. This book doesn't talk about wall sockets in particular, but my child learned a lot of other great things about electricity. The images are engaging and the topics are explained in a manner that is accessible to young children. I think we will get a lot of use out of this book because it is something kids can "grow into." For instance, I think a five year old would take away a different level of understanding from the pages that discuss how switches open and close electrical circuits and discussion of different types of electricity (ie: that generated by a power plant versus wind turbines versus the thunder and lightning in nature.) I'm happy I found this book because I have now purchased several books in the Oscar series and they've been great (see below for a summary). They've become my go-to kid gift for young children!! These are the ones we have: 1) Oscar and the Bird (Electricity) - Impressive in its ability to make technical concepts accessible to young children. Doesn't get down to the level of electrons and charge, but does discuss batteries, basic concept of a circuit, different forms of electricity. Helped my youngster understand that electricity can be dangerous and you shouldn't play with it (via discussion of a power line). 2) Oscar and the Moth (Light/Dark) - Not super technical, but discusses concepts such as different sources of light, how lights can be warm, rotation of the earth, shadows, how some animals make lights with their bodies (ie: bio-luminescence). 3) Oscar and the Frog (Growing) - Very nicely done. Concepts such as: different animals/plants grow in different ways (from eggs, from seeds, live births); different living things grow at different rates, animals eat different types of food to grow. 4) Oscar and the Bat (Sound) - probably the least science heavy of the four Oscar books I own. Nice that it talks about how animals can use different parts of their bodies to make sound. Nice that it discusses that sounds get louder the closer they get. Doesn't go into concepts about how sounds are made or propagated (ie: sound waves). This is not necessarily a complaint, I'm not sure I could get a three year old to understand a sound wave either!

We purchased Oscar and the Bird: A Book about Electricity as a partial gift for a 5 year old. It was paired with Snap Circuits Jr. SC-100 Electronics Discovery Kit. [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00CIXVITO/ref=oh\\_aui\\_detailpage\\_o05\\_s06?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00CIXVITO/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o05_s06?ie=UTF8&psc=1) The gift pair was nice. The book was very basic electricity and my son was bored with it during the first read-through. However, I think a child that's not so informed about how electricity works would like this book. The bird and the cat are adorable and the illustrations are appealing. I'm keeping the book for my youngest son when he's a bit older (currently 1 yr old).

Our then-3YO was asking a lot of questions about electricity, which we were having trouble answering to his satisfaction. We found the Oscar series of books about basic science concepts and haven't looked back. The illustrations are charming, the stories are sufficiently explanatory without being too dry or dull, and the book is just long enough for a little kid's attention span (and a parent's energy level!). We now have all of the books in this series and our kid repeatedly requests them at bedtime. I hope that the author writes more Oscar books.

The book was in great condition and had a little library card pocket on the inside cover with the card all ready to go for the next person to check it out. It was really sweet. Book came pretty quickly.

I never knew about this line of books before. What cute illustrations and wonderful lessons! This will be a new favorite.

This is a great book to introduce the young mind to electricity.

This is a cute book. Some of the information presented in the book is slightly wrong but overall, it was a good way to present info about electricity to young children.

Kids love it.

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