

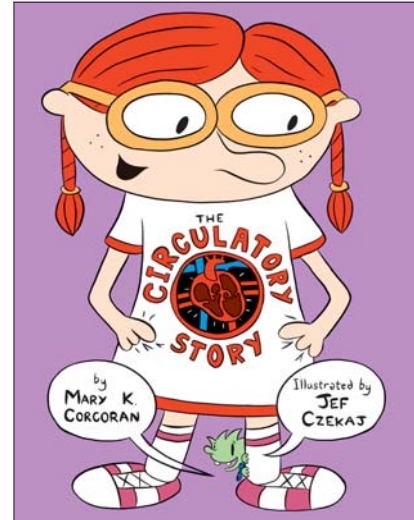


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# The Circulatory Story

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## This one is going to get bloody.

Throw a saddle on a red blood cell and hold on tight—you're going on a wild ride through your circulatory system. Wheee! Starting in the heart, you are pumped through the body's veins and blood vessels to deliver oxygen to all parts of the body, including cells and tissues, so they can work to keep you healthy.

Mary Corcoran explains the blood cell's travels and how blood works in clear, concise text, while her little green guide keeps the tone light and entertaining to keep the pages turning—despite a sticky situation with some bacteria in the right leg and a little electric shock in the sinoatrial node.

Jef Czekaj's hilariously dramatic cartoon-style illustrations make a complicated subject easy to understand and a whole lot of fun to follow. Young readers will be pumped to discover what's going on in their own circulatory systems.

A glossary of terms and suggested reading and websites are also included.

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