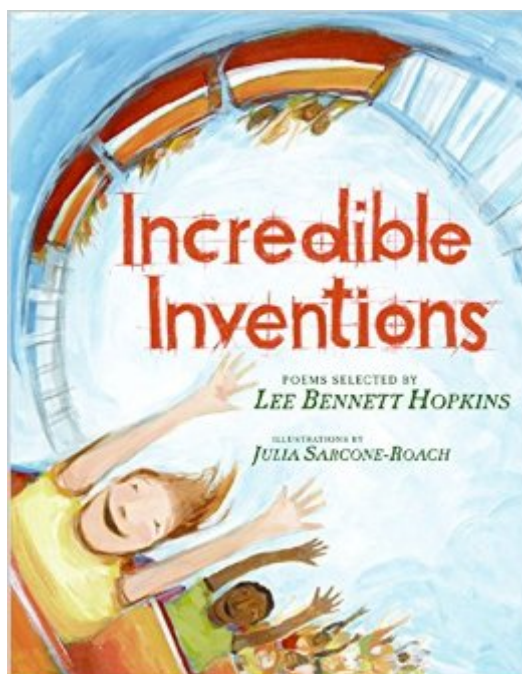


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# Incredible Inventions



## Synopsis

Inventions can be big, like roller coasters, or small, like crayons. And inventors can be scientists or athletes or even boys and girls! It's hard to imagine life without Popsicles, basketball, or Band-Aids, but they all started with just one person and a little imagination. With sixteen original poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins and Julia Sarcone-Roach's imaginative artwork, *Incredible Inventions* celebrates creativity that comes in all shapes and sizes. What will you invent today?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

*Incredible Inventions* is a wonderful book for children of ages that span beyond the 4-8 years recommended. The poetry selections are serious and the charming and witty illustrations by Sarcone Roach mesh beautifully with the words and their stories. The concept of explaining through words and pictures the creation of so many common objects is a clever way to introduce the concept of creative problem solving to the young. This will be this season's go-to gift for the little children in my life.

I absolutely love this book! the poems are catchy and fun. They help us to look at everyday objects in a new way. They will inspire your child to want to find out how objects in her life got their start. The section in the back giving the history of these inventions helps satisfy our curiosity. My favorite

poem is the first one, "Two Puzzling" by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater. What alliteration fun!

This is a great book for the classroom. It contains everyday inventions like the hairbrush, running shoes, ferris wheels, and the fig newton. The poems are short enough to read before a lesson, the information in the back is useful, and the illustrations help to keep the kids interested. I personally like the picture of "The Birth of Velcro" on the back page. Fun book all around.

Sixteen poems tell about band-aids and blue jeans, roller coasters and crayons, and a dozen other intriguing things that didn't exist until someone had an idea and then worked to make it real. Kids will giggle to read: "I'm King of Cling, / my grip won't slip / until you choose / to rip the strip." (from "Velcro" by Maria Fleming). Poetry is a memorable way to provide information: "Edward Lowe was not a loafer. / Edward Lowe was not a quitter. / He saw a need, he worked with speed / to bring the country Kitty Litter" (from "In Here, Kitty, Kitty" by Marilyn Singer). Playful acrylic paintings accompany the poems. Four pages at the back of the book provide a timeline for the inventions named, from jigsaw puzzles (1766) to modern athletic shoes (1964). Short paragraphs give background info and fun trivia about each one. Did you know over a billion Fig Newtons are devoured each year? "Incredible Inventions" offers a poetic view of imagination at work.

My first-grade students enjoyed the colorful illustrations and loved learning about these inventions through poetry! And so did their teacher!

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