

Outdoor Questions, Kitchen Questions, and Farm Animal Questions. The illustrations by Scot Ritchie make this an appealing book that a child would want to sit down and browse through, even without having a specific question. An uncomplicated index is included for those who have a specific question. The answers are written in a direct and simple manner, sure to satisfy questioners for a little while at least. At the end of each chapter, there are "bits" of information added for interest, such as "Surprise...cheese comes from grass! Cows eat grass, and inside their bodies the grass gets turned into milk. After the cow is milked, some of the milk is used to make cheese." Straightforward diagrams are included where necessary to make explanations clearer. One, for example, shows behind-the-scenes at a supermarket; another shows the tendons in a bird's legs; and another shows the inside of a cow. Even adults will be interested to learn the names for each of a cow's four stomachs, and this book may inspire further parent-child investigations. It is, overall, a useful reference work for home or school libraries.

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Soccer: The Winning Way. Bob Mackin. Greystone, 2001. 66 pp. \$14.95 paper. ISBN 1-055054-825-5.

Bob Mackin directs this instructional manual at novice players. Its advice, in short paragraphs or point form, is succinct, occasionally even mystifyingly cryptic. I am delighted that so many of the colourful photos show skilled *girls* active in training sessions: too many other such books read male-only. It's difficult to get *still* photos that clearly illustrate *process*, the skills and techniques of a fast-moving game. Some are clear, but several are rather ambiguously related to the accompanying text. The full-page photos of soccer heroes are glossy and glitzy, but decidedly less informative than the training photos. Among 22 glossies, four are of female players, including one of the inevitable Mia Hamm and one of Canadian national teamkeeper Nicci Wright. The tips in this book will seem mostly routine for players who have played three or four seasons or who are over age twelve, but *The Winning Way* will serve as a fine first soccer book for the starting player.

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