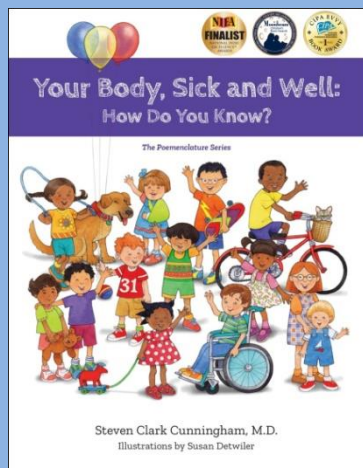


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### ***Your Body, Sick and Well: How Do You Know?***

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## **Playful Poems for Children Explore the Human Body in Sickness and in Health**

**In a fun, safe, and lyrical way, this award-winning book familiarizes kids with important topics that might otherwise be unfamiliar or even scary.**

BALTIMORE, Md - Acclaimed author Dr. Steven Cunningham has written a new book of poetry for children that fills a much-needed gap in children's literature. In *Your Body, Sick and Well: How Do You Know?* he introduces topics related to normal anatomy and physiology, pathology, and the tools doctors use to treat diseases. What's more, he does it in a humorous, matter-of-fact way that seems destined to inspire the youthful compliment, "That's sick!"

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An excerpt from the poem "Intestines":

*Everything you eat,  
Every pickled beet,  
And every candied treat,  
Every mouthful of rice, corn, oats and wheat,  
All the veggies and all the meat,  
Travels your gut for 20 feet!*

Children as young as three will love the pictures, rhymes, and rhythm, while older youth will appreciate the frequent, subtle plays on words.

*Your Body, Sick and Well: How Do You Know?* won first place in the CIPA EVVY awards contest and the gold medal from the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and was a finalist in the National Indie Excellence Awards. **Author proceeds go to charities that support children's physical and mental health.**

Cunningham comments, "My three passions are the study of medicine and surgery, the written word, and education, and this book brings all three together."

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