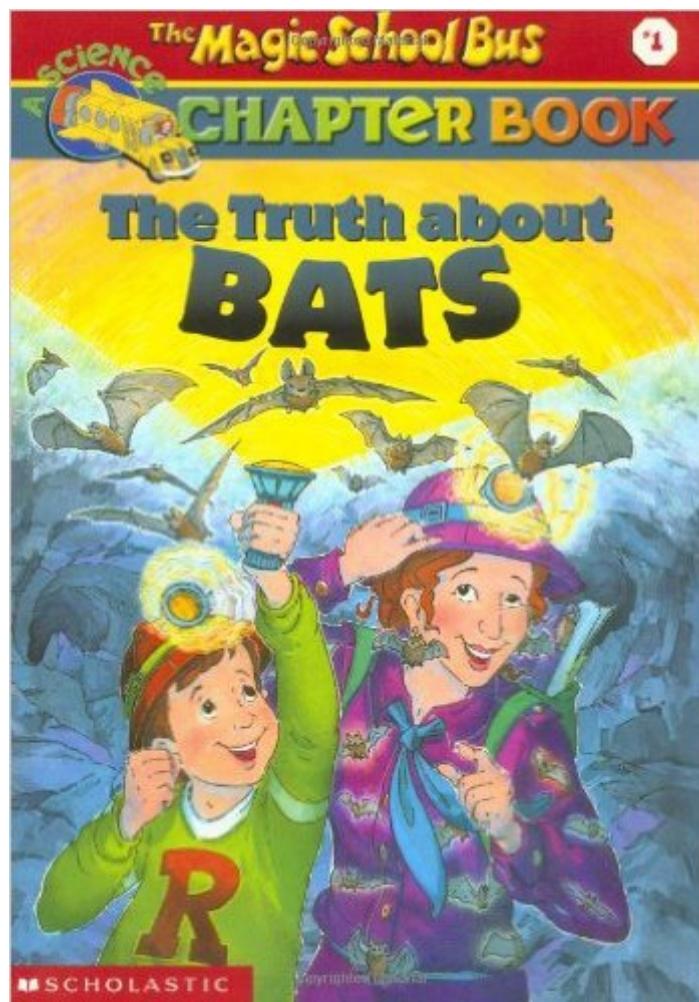


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# The Truth About Bats (The Magic School Bus Chapter Book, No. 1)



## **Synopsis**

These books combine fun stories with neat facts, humor, illustrations-and they all feature the fabulous Ms. Frizzle!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

First of all, I would like to clarify that this is a review of the WHOLE chapter book series - not just this book. Second of all, I would like to clarify that, at age 15, I'm probably NOT the target audience for these books. However, as a die-hard Magic School Bus fan, I can honestly say that while I applaud Scholastic for wanting to introduce MSB to a new generation of kids, it certainly deserves better treatment than this. The kids' voices (with the possible exception of Arnold) are interchangeable, the plots are, with few exceptions, copied directly from MSB episodes, and the illustrations range in quality from pretty good (The Search for the Missing Bones) to extremely poor (Color Day Relay). But that wasn't what bothered me. What bothered me was that the characters are hardly recognizable - with the exception of Liz, they all seem different.\*Ms. Frizzle makes mistakes (Butterfly Battle), gets nervous, (Voyage to the Volcano), and gets sick (The Great Shark Escape), whereas in the TV series (which I am comparing them to rather than the original books, because that's obviously what they're based on), she never does any of those things. It even specifically stated on "Inside Ralphie" that she never gets sick.\*Arnold is pretty much the same, although he

doesn't seem to know anything about rocks (Rocky Road Trip) - in the TV show they're his favorite thing - and he has been given Ralphie's tendency toward motion sickness (several books).\*Ralphie is my biggest complaint about this series. While I will admit to being prejudiced as he is my favorite character in the TV series, anyone can see the difference.

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