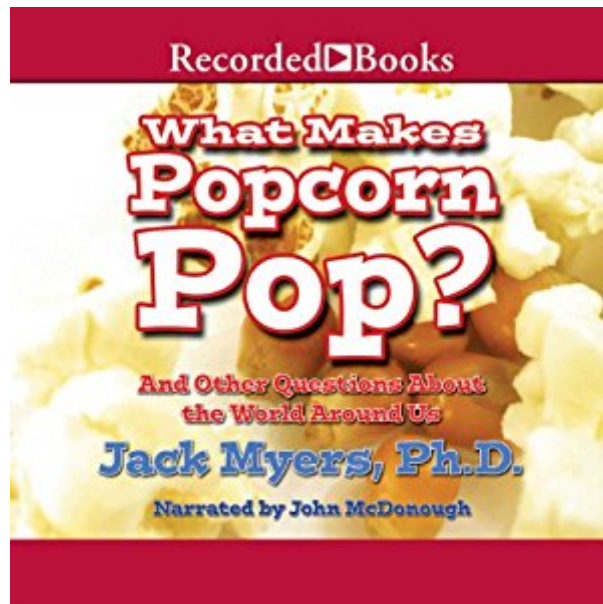


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# What Makes Popcorn Pop?: And Other Questions About The World Around Us



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what makes popcorn pop? One second a kernel is sitting there, tiny and hard as a rock. Next thing you know, it bursts into a fluffy and delicious snack. If you're curious about this or any of the other mysteries surrounding us every day, then *What Makes Popcorn Pop?* is the audiobook for you. For example, if salt isn't hot, then how come we use it to melt ice in the winter? Where exactly does wind come from, and how come we can't see it? Why is the sky blue? And while we're on the subject, why are lakes and oceans blue - is it because they reflect the sky? The answers to these questions and dozens more are explained in this fun audiobook from Jack Myers, longtime science editor of *Highlights for Children* magazine. John McDonough's warm and enthusiastic narration captures the limitless joy and wonder of the world around us.

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The best way to engage anyone's interest is to connect information to something that has attracted their attention. In this enjoyable book, *Highlights for Children* Science Editor, Jack Myers, takes on children's questions about the everyday world around us. Each question and answer take a half to a full page, and are accompanied by lively drawings to improve the reader's interest. Unless you are a scientist, you're bound to pick up some useful information here. In my case, I didn't know that while aluminum oxidizes it forms a protective coating that stops the oxidation from continuing. It's challenging to know how technical or how simple to make the answers. For the most part, Myers created a very nice balance. Here are some of my favorite questions from the book: "What makes popcorn pop?" "Since salt is not hot, how does it melt ice and snow?" "If heat makes things expand and cold makes them contract, why does water expand when you freeze it?" "If we have two eyes,

how come we don't see double?" "I pushed my finger into a soap bubble but it didn't pop. Why not?" "How come if you go into the bathroom to sing it sounds better than when you are in the bedroom or anywhere else?" "If the world is round, wouldn't the people in the southern part be upside down?" "I've always wondered how the shape of a rainbow is formed." One of the strengths of this book is that a child can find out an answer for her- or himself, or they can seek out an adult for more explanation. Now with the Internet, either one can go on and find out even more. Having uncovered how much there is to know, it is likely that many will develop a greater interest in science.

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