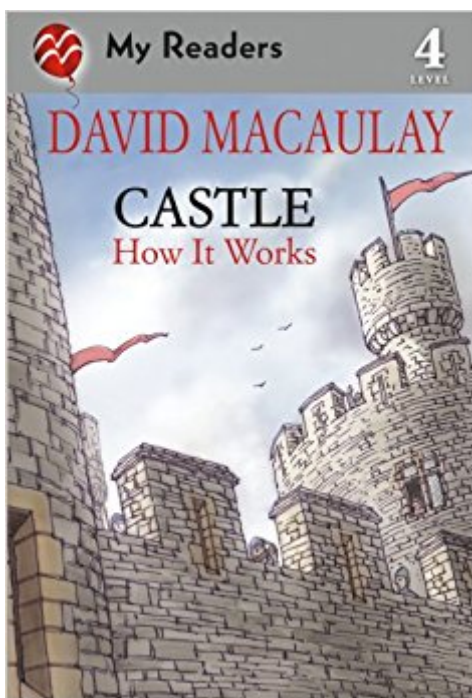


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# Castle: How It Works (My Readers)



## Synopsis

Take a tour of a medieval castle. Every part of the castle has a function. Walls keep the enemy out. Towers protect the lord and the soldiers. From the moat and portcullis to the great hall and dungeon, see how a castle works as an enemy army tries to storm the walls. *Castle: How It Works* is a Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** Let's face it. Macaulay wrote the book on castles: his Caldecott Honor winner *Castle* (1977), later reenvisioned as part of *Built to Last* (2010). Now he revisits the topic with a younger audience and a new purpose in mind, recalling in an introductory note that as a kid, he didn't like reading, but he found that pictures made it more fun. Actually, with lines like "Archers will greet you with flaming arrows," the text here is fun, too. As the narrative begins, a castle stands on a hill, while would-be attackers skulk on another hill in the foreground. Short sentences offer plenty of intriguing information about the castle, its inhabitants, and their many means of defense. Readers are occasionally addressed informally, "Are you friend or foe?" Pretty soon, the attackers make their move. Despite their alarming weapons (battering rams, catapults), it's clear that in the end, the defenders will prevail. The format is slightly larger than a

typical book for beginning readers, giving a bit more scope for the illustrations: strong line drawings with color washes. The use of different perspectives and cross sections is particularly fine. A promising start for Macaulay's new My Readers series of nonfiction. Grades K-3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

• Kirkus, starred  
• BCCB, starred  
Both books revisit subjects covered in earlier books (Castle, rev. 10/77; and The New Way Things Work, rev. 3/89, 3/99), but these topics are here presented with the needs of developing readers in mind.  
• The Horn Book

Great Book.

Very basic, meant for children, however it has all the basics I needed to know concerning the setup of a castle.

Perfect for beginning readers who love nonfiction and the era of knights and castles. Beautifully illustrated too, with great details.

David Macalay is a great author for children who are into wanting to know why & how. Detailed drawings help explain as well.

As always, a wonderful book, especially for history-oriented kids, who are "into" castles and the days of old.

Perfect introduction for young children with excellent illustrations.

I teach art to young people, including a drawing class on Castles. This book was way too simple and uninteresting. I really couldn't use it for any age.

I was under the impression that this book was for teens/adults, and a hardback also- it wasn't.

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