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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 5-8-Anderson has combined biography with doable activities that mirror ideas found in Leonardo's notebooks. Using common household objects (duct tape, foil, cereal boxes, paper-towel tubes, etc.), readers can make a parachute, hydrometer, invisible ink, walk-on-water shoes, etc. Anderson introduces each project with an explanation of why Leonardo came up with the idea and whether he created just the sketch or the sketch and the object. Detailed steps and illustrations provide clarity. Adult supervision is noted where appropriate. Readers will probably be more interested in the activities than in Leonardo's life and the Renaissance background that Anderson provides, but this title will be a welcome addition to schools in which cross-curricular teaming is in place. Science classes can re-create Leonardo's ideas while English classes can read excerpts from his notebooks and history classes can discuss the Renaissance.-*Delia Carruthers, Sunset Ridge Middle School, West Jordan, UT*

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### Review

*The New York Times Book Review*

"Anderson regales us with tales of Leonardo's brilliant, often mischievous nature, and the nearly unfathomable range of his inventions."

*School Library Journal*

"A welcome addition to schools"

*Old Schoolhouse Magazine*

"Will keep the kids occupied with constructive activities and is sure to spur on their own creative inventions."

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

"More than an activity book, this nifty volume explores Leonardo's life, times and endless imagination."

*KLIATT*

"A pleasurable read. . . encourages the young reader to appreciate the unconventional pathfinder."

*Publishers Weekly*

"Bring[s] an immediacy to da Vinci's life and work."

*Science News*

"This educational guide gives children age 9 and up hands-on experience, using materials found readily around the house, with creating their own version of some of Leonardo's inventions."

*Calliope Magazine*

"*Amazing Leonardo Inventions You Can Build Yourself* by Maxine Anderson is a terrific resource, with its detailed step-by-step instructions, diagrams and templates for creating projects that Leonardo designed. The accompanying text introduces the reader, in a personal way, to one of the world's greatest inventors"

### *Curriculum Connections*

"Anderson offers an ingenious introduction [to Leonardo] that cross the curriculum."

### *Science Books and Films*

"The book is perfect for capturing a middle schooler's attention! Highly Recommended."

Chosen as one of "**Our Favorite Things**" for the 2006 holidays by **Family Fun Magazine**—"Decoding Da Vinci's sometimes ingenious, sometimes outlandish discoveries proves to be great fun in *Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself*"

### *Children's Digest*

"Experience the ingenuity of Leonardo da Vinci firsthand."

### *Children's Literature*

"This is a book of fun and creativity."

### From the Inside Flap

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But one might ask, how could someone who lived so long ago be so relevant today? This title brings an immediacy to Leonardo da Vinci's life and works. It makes it relevant to kids in that it teaches them how to think outside the box, and to explore their own creativity. Furthermore, *Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions* meets Common Core State Standards in language arts for reading informational text. Guided Reading Levels and Lexile measurements indicate grade level and text complexity.

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