

Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France**Mara Rockliff****Iacopo Bruno, Illustrator**

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With several educational themes—electricity, hypnosis, the placebo effect, the scientific method, and a good dose of American and French history—this mesmerizing picture book will fascinate as it entertains. In terms easy for elementary students to understand, the story of Ben Franklin's analysis of Dr. Mesmer's magical healing practices will boost kids' interest in science. The lovely illustrations depict eighteenth-century clothing styles and facial expressions. Ages six and up.

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