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“Is the Earth really getting hotter, and is that so bad?” “Why do we walk on two legs (instead of four)?” Conservation, evolution, technology, animal life, space travel, physics, and much more are discussed in this lively science book. The writer worked at the London Science Museum, and the chatty questions and answers read like an informal guided tour for kids, with text that is compelling, never intimidating, and sometimes deliberately outrageous. Starting with the book’s title, the open talk about yucky bodily functions will grab even reluctant readers (“Do rabbits fart? Why?” “What are scabs for, and is it OK to pick them?”). Children will have fun browsing the spacious pages and sharing what they read with adults, who can join in the explanations about complex stuff, including time travel and Einstein’s theory of relativity. Grades 3-6. -- Hazel Rochman

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“This will be devoured by even the most reluctant readers or scientists.” *Kirkus Reviews*

“Reluctant readers will find both format and subject appealing. Public libraries and media centers should acquire multiple copies, if possible, to meet certain demand.” *VOYA*

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#### About the Author

GLENN MURPHY gathered many of the questions he includes in *Why Is Snot Green?* from his years in the Explainer team at the Science Museum in London. He now lives in Raleigh, NC.

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