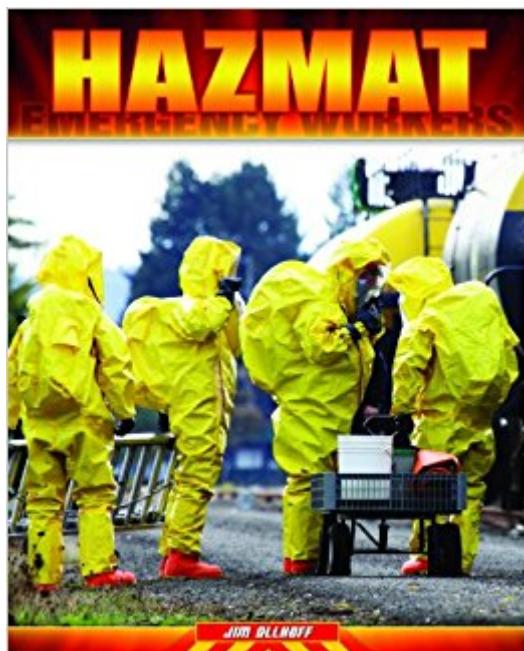


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This entry in the Emergency Workers series gives readers a peek into the usually hidden world of hazmat technicians. Even adults might find themselves learning from this book about the nine types

of hazmats, why they are hazardous, and how technicians work with them. Ollhoff outlines the training, processes, and operations of these emergency professionals, illustrating the explanations with plenty of examples. He even includes an interview with an actual firefighter and hazmat technician. A few sections of the book, such as the explanations of the effects of hazmat spills, could prove scary for nervous children. Overall, however, there is plenty of appropriate material here paired with large, colorful photos of people in hazmat gear and within high-tech control rooms. A glossary, meanwhile, helps with such words as decontaminate and Geiger counter. Grades 5-8.

--Miriam Aronin

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