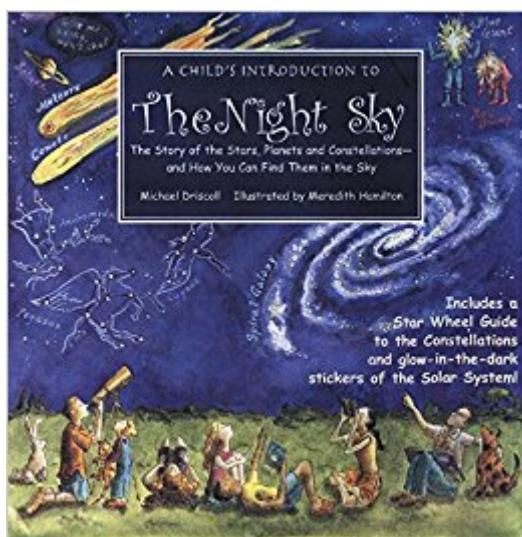


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Child's Introduction To The Night Sky: The Story Of The Stars, Planets, And Constellations--and How You Can Find Them In The Sky



Synopsis

Children eight and up will enjoy this conversational but information-packed introduction to astronomy and stargazing, which includes the achievements of the great scientists, the history of space exploration, the story of our solar system, the myths behind the constellations, and how to navigate the night sky. Whimsical color illustrations on every page and handy definitions and sidebars help engage younger readers and develop their interest. The special star wheel helps locate stars and planets from any location at any time of year. This is the third in Black Dog & Leventhal's successful series including *The Story of the Orchestra* and *A Child's Introduction to Poetry*.

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Supported by a mix of cartoon vignettes, elaborately detailed illustrations of constellations, sky maps, and small but dramatic space photos, this tour of the universe takes readers through the solar system and well beyond introducing along the way a handful of astronomers, space probes, myths, and principles of physics. Hamilton's informal scenes of dinosaurs watching a giant meteor coming down, stars cast as human figures with exploding heads, and such mirror Driscoll's general tone. Beneath such chapter heads as "Hunks, Chunks, and Flying

Objects" or "The Zodiac Zoo," the author notes that "Stars and planets get most of the attention when we're talking about space. But there's lots of other cool stuff up there, too." The author defines special terms in a running "Deep Space Dictionary," and closes with an array of dates, calendars, and current paper or electronic resources. Because all of the information here is easily available elsewhere, and the sheet of glow-in-the-dark stickers and the adjustable star finder tucked into a pocket will be problems in a library setting, this genial, handsomely packaged survey makes an appealing, but secondary, choice. ©John Peters, New York Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Since ancient times, people have been looking up and wondering about all of the things that glow in the night sky, and about our place in the big, wide universe. The study of the night sky and all of the objects and forces up there is called astronomy, and *A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky* is a great introduction to what astronomers have learned (and are still discovering), what astronauts and scientists explore--and what you yourself can find by gazing up into the night sky. You'll learn about how stars are born; how the planets move through the sky; and just where we are within the big galaxy we call home; the Milky Way. You'll find out about solar and lunar eclipses, the phases of the Moon, and what a comet's tail is made of. You'll delve into mysterious forces (like black holes and dark matter) that are so strange that even scientists don't fully understand them yet. And when it comes time to find out about the starry constellations, you'll learn their names and shapes, along with their stories--sometimes called myths--that were invented to help explain and identify them. You'll even learn about rockets, satellites, space stations, and space travel, including some of the exciting plans we have for future missions. When will a person visit Mars? It might be sooner than you think! Finally, you will find out how to take the handy Star Finder outside with you and find all of your favorite stars, constellations and planets in the sky, just like professional astronomers do. (Wait until you find out how easy it is to spot Venus). With *A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky*, the Star Finder inside and the fun glow-in-the-dark stickers you can put on your ceiling, you will be a junior astronomer in no time!

Perfect for a child that is interested in constellations and needs a starting point. This book is hard cover with a jacket that is absolutely beautiful.

This is a well done book. I have three granddaughters that enjoy reading it, two without help and one that I help out with. Adults can also learn from this book as well.

I think the boys were so enthusiastic about the telescope and the box that they did not have time to read the book. Give them time.

Grandkids love it

My kid loves it!

Amazing. It's much more than I thought it was. There's so much information

Because the descriptions/reviews said the stickers could be used to create the night sky on your ceiling, I misunderstood and thought [hoped] they were plain star stickers that one could orient into the shape of the constellations. The stickers are actually large planets, shooting stars, galaxies, etc., that a child would like, but they are not useful to create the constellations. Disappointed, but still a good text.

Beautiful illustrations, well laid out, interesting facts for the young and young at heart. Comes with charts. HIGHLY recommend for the young astronomer in your life.

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