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Older Than The Stars



Synopsis

How old are you?--Older than you think. In a way, we are all as old as the universe itself. In fact, every bit of every one of us was created in the Big Bang, billions of years ago. Stunning illustrations and lively verse tell the story of the cosmic connections that tie human beings to the beginning of the universe. Simple, informative prose provides additional facts.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

Karen C. Fox is a science writer for newspapers, magazines, radio, and the internet. She is also the author of THE BIG BANG THEORY: WHAT IT IS, WHERE IT CAME FROM, AND HOW IT WORKS and THE CHAIN REACTION: PIONEERS OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE. Karen lives in Washington, DC.

This terrific little book was recommended to me by a coworker. It's a wonderfully accessible explanation of the Big Bang theory, while also having rhyme that entrances my 3-yr old. He requests this book often, and we love reading it to him.

Karen Fox's book does a wonderful job of presenting a brief history of the universe, from Big Bang

to the kid reading the book, with parallel textual tracks that provide just enough for younger readers and more science heft for older kids. Starting with the Big Bang, her evolving rhyme -- "This is the Bang" etc., kind of like "There once was a woman who swallowed a fly" -- goes through the creation of atoms, their diffusion through space in star formation and supernovae, and ultimately the formation of our sun and Earth and its inhabitants. With my five year old, just reading the rhyming part is enough. But on each page there is also a smaller more science-y text that older kids will find appealing, coupled with a glossary at the end and a timeline of the universe. The illustrations are beautiful and dynamic. I liked how the theme of stars was echoed in many of the drawings. All in all this is a very satisfying book that I look forward to my daughters turning to over the next few years and continuing to gain more as their reading and understanding match the book's universal story.

I bought this to read to a five year old, initially planning to only read the story and come back for the science later... but three pages in, she was asking so many questions that I had to go back and start over-- with the scientific explanations. Made for a great impromptu science lesson, getting kids interested in the universe, and I imagine will be a good gateway into discussing different religious/personal beliefs that exist.

My 3 year old daughter has memorized this book. It's amazing. It teaches how the universe was made in ways that small kids can understand.

Awesome! This is a great, well written, well illustrated book. It offers scientific explanations of/connections with the beginning of the universe. It can be read in different ways at different times. The rhyming lyrics can be read alone for a quick read. The longer explanations can be read when there's more time. We like to read both together... my five year old thinks reading and science are both fun!

A wonderful book about our origins, and showing how special we are to be a part of this amazing universe! You can read the book with just the rhyming verses (perfect for the wee ones), and there is also factual, but easy to understand text on each page to make sense of it for older minds. We've only had it a few weeks, and it has already got my 5 year old starting conversations about light, gravity, space, earth, and time. So glad we got this book!

Our almost 8 year old daughter got this book from the library. I read it to her and her 5 year old

sister. They were both so curious and amazed at how the universe was created. I was impressed enough to buy a copy to keep. It is a well written book and cannot wait to read it again with them. It was an easy, fun read and also easy to understand.

This is a nice book in trying to help explain to my 5 year old how the universe was created. It did create some other questions for him but was a good start. I think the more we read it and reinforce the ideas, the more he'll pick up on it. Pictures are a little abstract but I like them and the colors.

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