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The Universe: 365 Days



Synopsis

Photographs of outer space--produced by earthbound and space telescopes and planet-roving satellites--have captivated a vast audience. And nowhere has this audience found more enthralling views than on Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD), a website so popular that it draws well over one million hits every week. The Universe: 365 Days presents in unprecedented clarity 365 spectacular images culled from the thousands that have been featured on the site, which has been hailed as one of the best science sites by both Scientific American and Popular Science magazines. Following the enormously successful format of Abrams' Earth From Above: 365 Days, The Universe: 365 Days has been crafted by the two astrophysicists who in 1995, in collaboration with NASA, created and continue to maintain the APOD website. Accompanying each stunning image is a short explanatory text that greatly expands the reader's appreciation of the wonders of the cosmos.

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Customer Reviews

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I have loved anything to do with space travel and exploring the cosmos all my life. In fact, as a young boy I wanted to become an astronomer but my life turned into other directions over the years.

Nevertheless, I still kept my interest in astronomy and even took several courses at the planetarium. When I saw this amazing book (The Universe 365 days by Robert J. Nemiroff and Jerry T. Bonnell) at a bargain price on I immediately bought it. This giant 9 1/2 by 6 1/2 hardcover book was a pure joy. Each page has a photograph of something to do with the universe along with an explanation of what is being shown. This book is based upon the website "Astronomy Picture of the day". This is the kind of book that those into astronomy would love. My only complaint about this book is the font (writing) on each page is very small and even with my glasses on I had a little trouble reading it, but it is still a fantastic book for anyone who is interested in the cosmos. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute).

This is a very good book about the universe, anyone interested in cosmology or stars. I thought what made this book, a star of a book was that you had cosmic explanations on one page and the photograph on the next one, it was both literally and visually very educating. It talked about different parts of the universe or cosmos in detail, personally I really liked the different nebulas that it introduced and, it had clear explanation of where the nebula was, how far it was, and the photos provided what it looked like. (Important explanation, there are no page numbers in this book, instead it has been designed like a calendar, therefore instead of page numbers, every page is arranged in days of the year the reason why I can not use page numbers to give reference to where I have found the following information) An example of that was the Ant Nebula on 5th of february, , Reflection Nebula on 11 of February, Rosette Nebula on 14th of February, Cat's Eye Nebula on March 24th, Crab Nebula on March 25th, the Little Ghost Nebula on March 28th, Snake Nebula on 9th of April, Trifid Nebula on April 24th, the Horsehead Nebula on may 19th, The Hourglass Nebula on June the 4th, the Eight Burst Nebula on June 24th, the Bubble Nebula on June 25th, Eagle Nebula on June 28th, Pelican Nebula on July 16th, Tarantula Nebula on July 19th, the Lagoon Nebula in August 20th, the Helix Nebula in August 28th, the North America Nebula on September the 7th,, the Spirograph Nebula on September he 8th, The Red Spider Planetary Nebula on September 12th, the Newborn Nebula on October the 6th, Orion Nebula on October the 15th, Halloween and Ghost Head Nebula on October 31, the Two ring Nebula on January 14th., the Dumbell Nebula on March., the Elephant Trunk Nebula on June 2nd, Hourglass Nebula on June the 4th. Before I read this, I knew very less about cosmic things, the universe, nebulas, this is a book for broadminded, those who want to know the great universe and how unlimited and vast it is. There are plenty of photos and explanations on the stars or planets in the our solar system and interesting details on them and many parts of the universe hundreds of light years beyond them. This book

takes you to places in the cosmos, that you have never been, and quite likely you've never heard. This book introduced me to the works of Scientists like William Herschel on January 24th, it talked about the astronaut Bruce McCandless on January 31, Edmond Halley the scientist on March 29th, Charles Messier the scientist on April, Physicist Gerard T. Hooft on April 30th. Before I read this I didn't know that the temperature of the sun was 1 million degrees celsius (look for it on May 21). It talked about the closest star system the Alpha Centauri system. What do I love about this book? It has photos and information from hundreds and thousands of light years away, it makes a vast difference, because whilst in the world today, the lack of literacy remains still a major global problem among many nations, this book educates people about parts of universe that they have never known. Whilst majority of people, media, everything still thrive on limited perspectives, this book educates its readers about the vast, huge, unlimited universe. It'll have a huge impact on your perspective about life. I think each and every piece of this information is a gem, this information didn't exist 30 years ago, or 20 years ago, we are very lucky because this information is available now. I didn't know that the soil on the moon was orange, until I read about it in July the 6th. The impact this had in my life, was that it helped me to understand that no one needs a religion, or a spiritual belief to feel good about life, we are part of a universe so great, amazing and fascinating that we don't need any of that. I had never thought about what is in the universe or what cosmic thing there is hundreds of light years away, yet his book made me think of that, it improved my relationship with others because it helped me to accept others as who they are. Through the pages of this book, I met some of the most amazing people, scientists, I travelled through through the most amazing parts of universe close and distant, and I learned about them. I guess it made me a very bright guy like those stars are. I learned about the other planetary systems that orbit the Sun on August 16th. I enjoyed the way this book was made, unlike the traditional books it had no page numbers, unlike the traditional calendars, it didn't just show the day, you could wake up every day, learn something about the cosmos and go to life very happy. Whether I read about Venus, Mars, Moon, the Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, some star cluster millions of light years away. Whilst I started reading this book as an average book, it grew the passion about the universe, to a degree, that when they were screening an interesting documentary about the universe, cosmos and their finding, I attended that, because now after reading this, I could understand the cosmos, the vast universe, in a much clearer way. It educated in the knowledge about the universe and cosmos that practically and probably about 98 or 99 percent of the population of the earth do not have. It was a bit of lengthy read, however, it was definitely worth it and for that reason I would definitely recommend it. If you want to turn every day, into an intelligent interesting, this book provides that.

With all the Hubble Telescope pics out there and talk of the Mars Rover, outer space is a wonderful subject of art and interest. This book has picture after picture of the universe and is mind-boggling and beautiful.

I bought this book because I'm learning how to paint space scenes in Photoshop and needed a good reference book. I'm thrilled with the photos, if you really want to master painting or drawing a particular subject you need to study how things truly appear in nature. My nebulae and star fields are starting to look more realistic now that I have some fantastic reference photos to peruse. Even if you're not looking for photographic reference materials, I'd still recommend buying this book. The photos are truly awe inspiring for anyone interested in astronomy.

Also a beautiful book. I'll be getting it and "Astronomy 365 Days" out again and again to look through.

This book is nothing short of phenomenal. I keep buying it for people because I know they will be enthralled. Each photograph is awe inspiring and the accompanying text just boggles the mind. You can get lost for several minutes just gazing at a single photograph, contemplating the nature of the universe. Petty concerns dissolve as you stretch your mind around the concepts so beautifully depicted. This book is a treasure to enjoy for a lifetime.

Great book/bargain. Great service thanks

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