

## Book Review

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Space Dictionary for Kids

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Although this has Prufrock's usual inviting pictures which run all over the pages, it feels more serious and scientific.

"Space Dictionary for Kids" doesn't seem to have the sense of humor that the "Dinosaur Dictionary for Kids" has. Perhaps that is because it is a science that is modern and full of today's facts and worries.

The book starts with the birth of the universe which is always a grabber.

"Cosmology is the science of piecing together the clues to figure out how the universe began, how it came to be the way it is today, and what ultimate fate awaits the universe."

The rest of the book is in alphabetical order. After all, it is a dictionary. And it tries to answer the past, the present, and the future of our world.

If you know what you are looking for, you can use the alphabetical order. But if you just want to skim, you can turn to any page and find pictures and drawings of things you didn't even know that you wanted to know. And even though this is a serious book, periodic bits of humor invade.

The Table of Contents describes the divisions, and the index is always fascinating and educates all by itself.

- Introduction
- Cosmology (The Birth of the Universe)
- Stars and Galaxies (The Universe today)
- The Solar System (You are here)
- Astrobiology and Exoplanets (Is Anybody Out There?)

- A History of Space Exploration
- Astronomy Timeline
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This is another Dictionary for Kids, but it is totally fascinating for adults.

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